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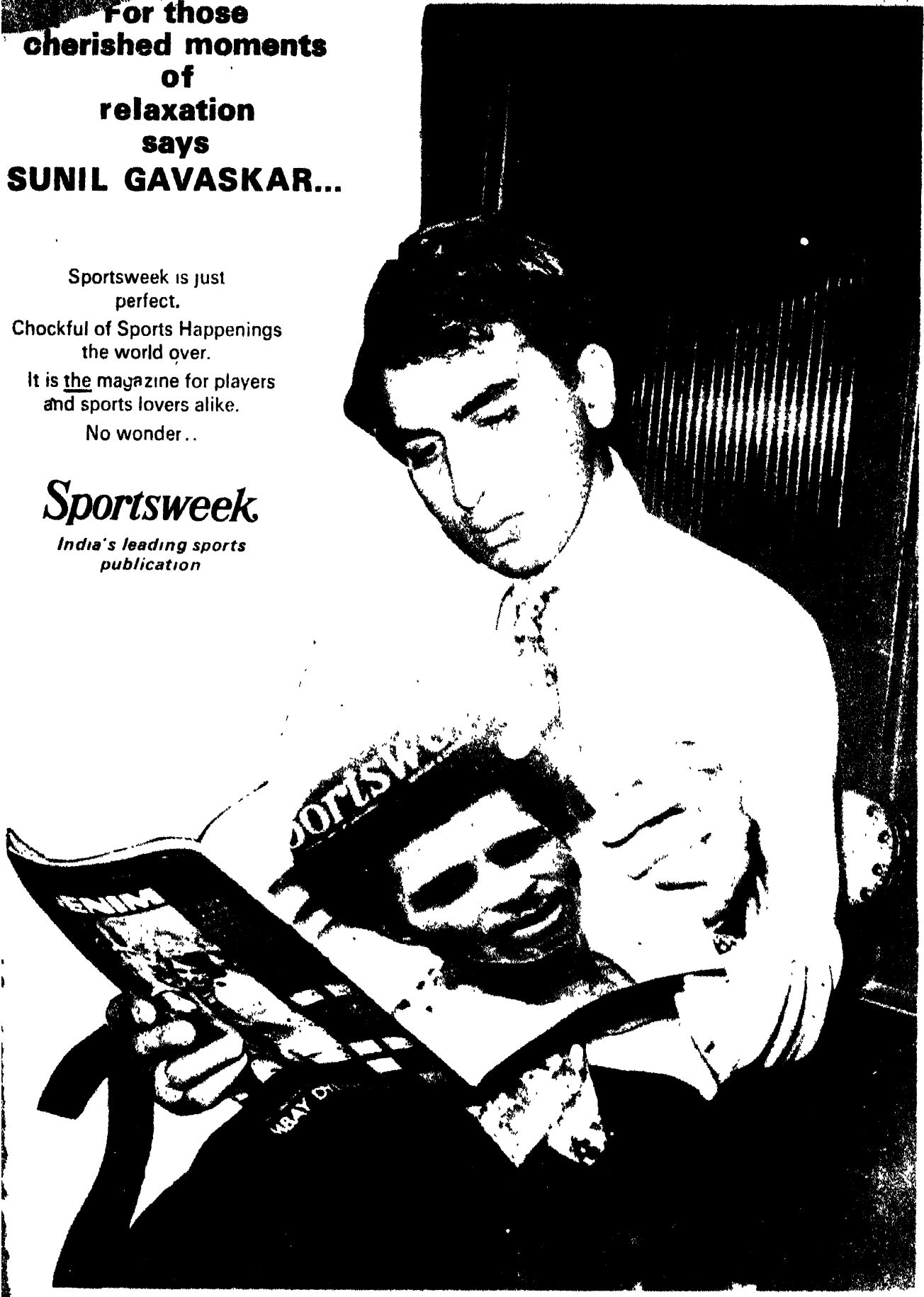
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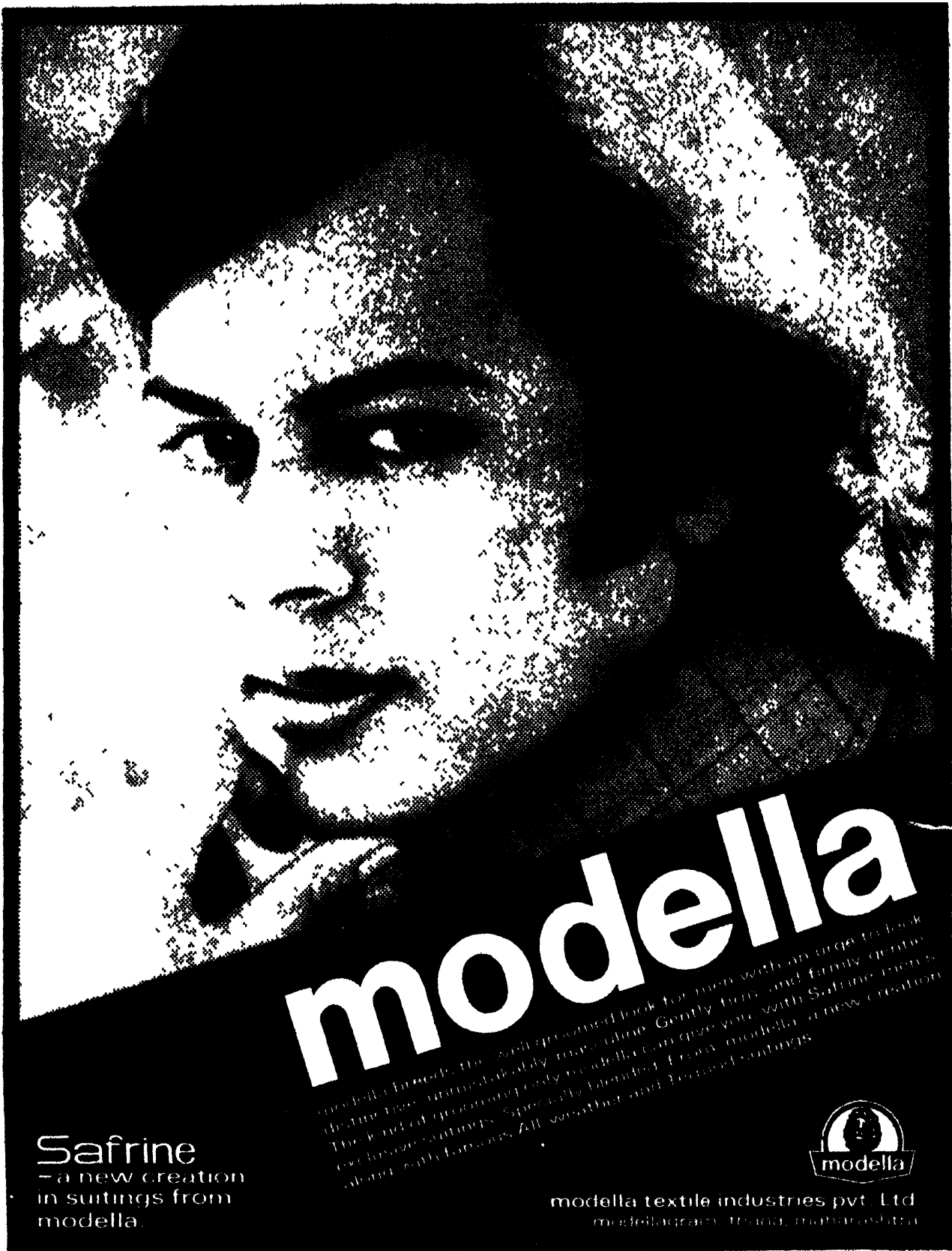
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Getting in shape for Montreal

AS the Montreal Olympics (July 1976) draw nearer, India's preparation for the various events is gathering momentum. The hockey and athletics squads are already sweating it out at the National Institute of Sports, Patiala, and we hope the others are not lagging too far behind.

The joint stand taken by the govt., A.I.C.S., I.O.A. and national federations regarding the rigid qualifying standards is commendable. It is doubtful if many, if any, of our athletes will come up to the exacting standards (sixth place at the Munich Olympics), but in all probability the standards will be somewhat relaxed and we may have some representatives in the track and field events.

Our performances at Tehran where Yohannan, in particular, surpassed all expectations, albeit assisted by the altitude, and at the Asian meet in Seoul and later in the Manila international in June last, indicate that our athletes are in the top rung in Asia. But this is not very encouraging in itself since Asian athletes do not, as a rule, figure prominently in the Olympics.

Reports from the Patiala athletics camp indicate that at present the emphasis is not on qualifying marks but on "assessment" In the words of coach Saini, "We don't aim for the trainees to beat the qualifying marks, but ... see that they pick up form steadily. The dozen athletes should touch top form by the end of May." This is a sensible, scientific approach and the stand appears to be correct insofar as only those who do well will be selected and the aim will not be merely to swell the ranks for the march-past.

The Education Ministry is keeping a close watch on selections at Patiala as well as of the officials who are to accompany the teams and one can reasonably hope that the Munich capers will not be repeated. Even the clearance of accredited correspondents to cover the Games has received so much attention from the govt. that only genuine pressmen will be able to make it to Montreal, and not all manner of friends and country cousins under the guise of journalists.

Our Patiala correspondent informs us that all is well in the hockey camp and that all the hard work, scientific approach and physical conditioning under coaches Gurbux Singh, Balkishan Singh, and Jagmohan Singh under the watchful eyes of selectors Bhola and Gen. E. D'Souza are going on as planned. It is hoped that the weak links that were exposed at Kuala Lumpur and more recently during the Rene Frank tourney at Madras, viz., in the positions of goalkeeper, left-half and centre-forward will be effectively plugged.

It is indeed a pity that Cedric Pereira, who is now in India after a coaching stint in France, has not been called to the camp. The explanation that Pereira has been playing in the centre-forward

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PLUS REGULAR FEATURES

COVER: One of the brighter aspects of India's dismal show in the first Test against the West Indies at Bridgetown, Barbados was the batting of G. R. Viswanath who scored a magnificent 62 in India's second innings. He is seen cutting Jumadeen for four. Transparency: Literary Features (Caribbean) Ltd.

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position of late is not convincing when one considers the abilities of the goalkeepers available. It does seem that considerations other than merit have been responsible for his omission. Besides, who knows Pereira may even have solved our centre-forward problem!

It is a good move to provide for practice on coir bristle surface which is akin to astro turf — a flash of genius on the part of national selector Bhola. It should help simulate the new type of surface for our boys to get used to.

In the matter of scoring, the coaches are concentrating on thrusts and first-time shooting. Overdribbling as an art is at a discount. The players have been trained to pass by deflections and to adopt varied techniques — direct and indirect — in converting penalty corners. It is hoped that this scientific, systematic training will go a long way in shaping the team into a crack, fighting-fit outfit before the Games.

The Richards incident—

CRISES seem to follow close on India skipper Bishen Singh Bedi's heels. His latest faux pas was during the second Test against the West Indies at Port of Spain, Trinidad, which India just failed to win.

It was not simply a question of winning or losing. The charge against Bedi is that he did not "play cricket." The point of contention centres around his action when the hero of the West Indian first innings, Vivian Richards, who was injured while fielding, came out to bat in the second innings, with India scenting victory.

What followed — Richards' request, whether

for a runner or to retire remains unclarified, the umpire's action, Bedi's reaction and Lloyd's rejoinder — is the crux of the problem.

We quote here from the men on the spot — their eye-witness reading of the situation, their clarifications when the dust of the dispute had settled, and cite the relevant Laws with the MCC's interpretations.

There are, no doubt, discrepancies in the reports, as is usual in such cases, but we leave it to the reader to judge whether or not Bedi's action infringed the "spirit" of the game, even if it was, strictly speaking within the rules.

Was Bedi wrong?

Here are the reports of the correspondents at the ground:

TONY COZIER: Vivian Richards now came limping down the pavilion steps to replace him (Michael Holding). After five balls it was clear the injury Richards sustained in the field the previous day was too painful and that he had misjudged its seriousness. He approached Bedi to be allowed to retire hurt and to resume later. The Indian captain agreed on the condition that he did not come back until the fall of the ninth wicket — a harsh action which, happily, he later rescinded on reconsideration.

K. N. PRABHU: Vivian Richards hobbled to the crease. He had strained a hip muscle and after facing a couple of balls wanted to retire. There was a consultation between the umpires, Bedi and the batsman. Later Lloyd joined in. Bedi insisted on his prerogative to dictate when Richards could resume. Bedi was well within his rights, especially with the match hanging in the balance. . . . When Richards returned after Rowe's dismissal there was no protest.

In a subsequent dispatch Prabhu gives us Bedi's version of the incident. . . . Bedi was prepared to grant Richards a runner, but when umpire Sang Hue explained that Richards wanted to retire, Bedi informed him that he held the right, according to the Law, to decide when Richards could resume. Bedi said he was prepared to allow Richards to bat only at No. 11. But later he decided that the sooner he got rid of Richards the better. He therefore informed Lloyd accordingly, and Richards resumed at the fall of Rowe's wicket.

DICKY RUTNAGUR: Out came Vivian Richards, limping badly through an injury in a thigh muscle which he sustained while fielding. He faced five deli-

veries, then overbalanced in trying to go for a run and then asked the umpire if he could retire. Umpire Sang Hue directed his enquiry to skipper Bedi who first offered him a runner and then said that he would only consent to his return at the fall of the ninth wicket. . . .

In India last winter, Lloyd allowed Mansur Ali Khan to resume his innings at pleasure after being injured — that was in the third Test at Calcutta. In Perth, not many months ago, Greg Chappell put no bar on Kallicharran returning after he had retired to treat an injury.

In an interview, Lloyd quoted these two instances and said that to preserve the spirit of the game he had taken no action when earlier in the game Mohinder Amarnath took well over the legal two minutes to arrive at the crease after Vengsarkar was out to the second ball of the innings.

KISHORE BHIMANI: It was later ascertained at the interval from the umpires that the main bone of contention over the Vivian Richards dispute was that when umpire Sang Hue wanted to know from Bedi if he would have any objection to the Antiguan batsman coming in to bat later on, Bedi reportedly said that he would invoke the rule book and stipulated that Richards could only bat at number 11.

The decision led to plenty of tension in both camps. Though Bedi's decision is well within the rules of the game, local cricket circles were of the opinion that perhaps a new dimension had been introduced into what has otherwise been a very friendly tour, and no quarters were expected to be given or asked for now on.

BRUNELL JONES: A little flutter took place in the early phase of this final day's play. Eight-

teen minutes after the start of the game, Richards, who was on 2 and limping badly, asked Bedi's permission to retire hurt and to return later to continue his innings. Bedi agreed to the request but stipulated that Richards must resume his innings at number 11. The West Indies captain Lloyd came on to the field and joined in the discussions on the issue with the umpires and Bedi. Richards left the field and more discussions on the incident continued between the team manager Joe Solomon, president of the West Indies Board of Control for Cricket, Jeff Stollmeyer and other officials.

The Indian team officials declined to comment during the lunch interval on the Richards' issue but the umpires stated that the batsman would be allowed to continue under Bedi's terms — he must bat at number eleven.

LAW 33: Batsman retiring: "A batsman may retire at any time, but may not resume his innings without the consent of the opposing captain, and then only on the fall of a wicket."

The late R. S. Rait Kerr, former secretary, MCC, writes in his book 'Cricket Umpiring and Scoring': "The fielding captain is never required to give his consent to the retirement of a batsman—this is a matter solely for the decision of the batsman or his captain. It is clear that in every case the consent of the fielding captain is necessary before a batsman who has retired may resume his innings."

Can this 'consent clause' mean that a captain can dictate to a retiring batsman and can ask him to come at the fall of the ninth wicket?

Here is MCC's ruling in a case that was referred by the Bombay Cricket Association after the Harris Shield final of 1962, when an injured batsman

was asked to come only at the fall of the ninth wicket:

"Although the Law does not specifically state that the captain of the fielding side has or has not the right to decide when an injured batsman shall return, except that he shall return at the fall of a wicket, the spirit of the game has always allowed the batting side to have this option. In other words, as soon as the injured batsman is considered fit enough to return then he may do so, provided it is at the fall of a wicket. This is purely a question of the spirit in which the game is played and it would seem that there is no possible reason why this spirit should not be maintained."

LAW 2: Substitutes: "A substitute shall be allowed to field or run between the wickets for any player who may during the match be incapacitated from illness or injury, but not for any reason without the consent of the opposing captain; no substitute shall be allowed to bat or to bowl. Consent as to the person to act as substitute in the field shall be obtained from the opposing captain, who may indicate positions in which the substitute shall not field."

The late R. S Rait Kerr writes, "The consent of the opposing captain for a substitute is only necessary in case of a player who becomes incapacitated for reasons unassociated with the game in which he is taking part. In all cases the opposing captain can restrict the use of the substitute in the field — for example, he may refuse leave for him to keep

NZ & MCC tour dates

NEW ZEALAND and M.C.C. will tour India coming winter and play three and five Tests, respectively. New Zealand will play only three Tests and no other matches. M.C.C. will play five Tests and eight other matches.

NEW ZEALAND IN INDIA

Nov. 7, 1976: Arrive in India from Pakistan.

Nov. 10, 11, 13, 14, 15: **FIRST TEST** at Bombay.

Nov. 18, 19, 20, 21, 23: **SECOND TEST** at Kanpur.

Nov. 26, 27, 28, 30, Dec. 1, 2: **THIRD TEST** at Madras.

M.C.C. IN INDIA

Nov. 25. Arrive in Bombay.

Nov 28, 29, 30: v Universities and Under-22 at Nagpur.

Dec. 3, 4, 5: v Ranji Trophy champions Bombay at Indore.

Dec. 8, 9, 10: v North Zone at Jullundur.

Dec. 12, 13, 14: v Central Zone at Jaipur.

Dec. 17, 18, 19, 21, 22: **FIRST TEST** at Delhi.

Dec. 27, 28, 29: v Board President's XI at Ahmedabad.

Jan. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1977: **SECOND TEST** at Calcutta.

Jan. 9, 10, 11: v East Zone at Gauhati.

Jan. 14, 15, 16, 18, 19: **THIRD TEST** at Madras.

Jan. 22, 23, 24: v South Zone at Hyderabad

Jan. 28, 29, 30, Feb. 1, 2: **FOURTH TEST** at Bangalore.

Feb. 5, 6, 7: v West Zone at Poona.

Feb. 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15: **FIFTH TEST** at Bombay

wicket. A captain can also object to a particular person acting as substitute in the field"

The MCC's reply to points raised during the 1966 Indian Umpires' Seminar "We believe that the term 'during the match' should be interpreted as 'any time after the toss until the match is over.' For instance, if a player is taken ill in the dressing room whilst waiting to bat, or if he is injured whilst practising at the nets after the match has commenced, he should be entitled to a substitute by right. This interpreta-

tion would, of course, have to include injury or illness sustained out of playing hours in case of a match of more than one day's duration. For example a player slipping in the pavilion bathroom or while coming down the stairs after the match has commenced or involved in an accident while going to or returning from the ground to the hotel. We consider this a fair interpretation, though there might be instances when it will be necessary for umpires to establish that any injury or illness was genuine."

INDIA v WEST INDIES (second Test)

Played at Port of Spain, Trinidad March 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 1976
Match drawn
Toss won by India
Umpires Douglas Sang Hue and Ralph Gosein

WEST INDIES

R. C. Fredericks b Madan Lal	0	Ibuv Venkat	8
L. G. Rowe b M. Amarnath	4	b Venkat	47
I. V. A. Richards b Bedi	130	(4) run out	20
A. I. Kallicharran c Madan Lal b Bedi	17	(5) c Venkat b Chandra	12
* C. H. Lloyd b Chandra	7	(6) c M. Amarnath b Bedi	70
+ D. L. Murray c Kirmani b Bedi	46	(7) c Vengsarkar b Bedi	9
B. D. Julien run out	28	(8) not out	12
D. L. Holford b Bedi	4	(9) b Bedi	0
M. H. Holding c Gavaskar b Bedi	1	(3) b Chandra	3
A. M. E. Roberts c Vengsarkar b Chandra	1	not out	4
R. K. Jumadeen not out	1	did not bat	—
Extras	2		30
Total	241	(for 8 wkts)	215

FALL OF WICKETS

1-0 (Fredericks), 2-4 (Rowe), 3-39 (Kallicharran), 4-52 (Lloyd), 5-174 (Murray), 6-212 (Richards), 7-236 (Julien), 8-238 (Holford), 9-239 (Holding)

BOWLING

Madan Lal	9	3	16	1	4	2	2	0
M. Amarnath	5	1	13	1	3	0	11	0
Chandrasekhar	21	2	64	2	41	16	68	2
S. B. Bedi	34	11	82	5	36	19	44	3
Venkatraghavan	28	5	64	0	40	20	60	2

INDIA

S. M. Gavaskar c Murray b Holding	156
D. B. Vengsarkar c Murray b Roberts	0
M. Amarnath c Murray b Jumadeen	19
G. R. Viswanath c Murray b Holding	21
S. Amarnath c Rowe b Jumadeen	21
B. P. Patel not out	115
S. Madan Lal not out	33
S. Venkatraghavan, † S. M. H. Kumari, * B. S. Bedi and B. S. Chandrasekhar did not bat	—
Extras	37
Total (for 5 wkts decl)	402

FALL OF WICKETS

1-11 (Vengsarkar), 2-35 (M. Amarnath), 3-77 (Viswanath), 4-126 (S. Amarnath), 5-330 (Gavaskar)

BOWLING

Roberts	28	7	77	1
Holding	27	8	68	2
Julien	30	7	63	0
Jumadeen	42	12	79	2
Richards	6	0	17	0
Holford	20	5	51	0
Lloyd	3	0	10	0

AILTA elections—when?

ELECTION of office-bearers of the All-India Lawn Tennis Association should have been held, it is said, in March, 1976. But even the date for the election has not yet been decided by the powers-that-be. Why?

It is whispered in tennis circles that this is because the men in power now fear that the wind does not blow in their favour. It is said that Union Finance Minister C Subramaniam might be unanimously elected president but there could be a hot contest for the secretary's post between Dr. Ranade, the acting secretary from Maharashtra, and Dilip Bose of Bengal. Big names are being used in the lobbying for support.

R. K. Khanna, who had been secretary for long, is said to be campaigning actively for Dr. Ranade but is not very sure of success for his man. Several of the leading players, it is said, are in favour of Bose.

They feel that the relationship between the Amritraj brothers, Vijay and Anand, and Krishnan has been far from cordial after the 'Manila incident.'

According to these people, it would be wrong to expect Krishnan and the brothers to pull in one direction after the Manila affair. They feel it was wrong to have retained Krishnan as skipper for the tie against New Zealand. This mistake should not be repeated, they say.

Whether the secretary's post goes to Ranade or Bose and whether Krishnan holds his skipper's post or not, what one desires most is peace in the country's tennis affairs.

Where there is no peace, things go to pieces. So, let peace prevail and let men genuinely interested in the promotion of the game and the welfare of the players be at the helm of affairs.



Dilip Bose

Fitness and duty

by HUBERT DHANRAJ

HAVING played a vigorous game for one hour, the football player is still agile and accurate in his performance. The housewife who has been doing chores around the house all day, continues to work cheerfully and effectively.

After intermittent cycling and fast walking throughout the afternoon, the newspaper boy shows no signs of fatigue or slowdown. There are obvious differences in the interests and abilities of these three characters. But, they do have one thing in common — physical fitness.

They are fit to meet the demands of their responsibilities. It is reasonable to assume that their physical fitness is accompanied by a pleasant feeling of well-being and a sense of achievement. All these do not come the easy way; one has to be motivated for hard work.

Many people abhor changes to their sedentary life style, but the fact remains that physical activities can be converted into enjoyable experiences. This is generally determined by interests and attitudes.

The human body has the capacity to adapt itself to varying intensity of physical work. It is incredible that this adaptive mechanism becomes more efficient as the work load is increased. Given the right type of training, the body can develop remarkable ability to perform arduous tasks.

Nature has its own way of promoting fitness; generally slow, but certain. It is unfortunate that many people don't realise that the body loses its strength and functional ability when it is not regularly stimulated by movements involving large muscle groups.

FOCUS ON FITNESS — I

They also fail to understand that the converse is true. The general tone of the body can be improved to a remarkable degree through regular physical training. It goes without saying that proper nutrition, rest and emotional stability

are essential to complement the effects of exercise.

There is a hidden relationship between physical fitness and skill, (skill, to denote efficiency in physical performance). A fit person has the real and endurance to strive for acquisition of optimum skill with unabated vigour. He does not quit easily. When the time comes for a test as in sports competition, his efforts to perform well continuously is facilitated by his good physical condition. Simply, fitness makes an athlete a better athlete; a labourer a better labourer; and so on.

Why fitness? One needs fitness to live and live well. Human energy which is the expression of health and fitness is the chief ingredient for efficiency and enjoyment. The body that stores and uses this energy can be used for non-productive purposes, but the body can also serve humane needs, and as Gandhiji explained, "... it is also Dharmakshetra — the field of duty."

(to be continued)

Badminton at its very best

by PRAKASH PADUKONE

BANGKOK hosted the inaugural Asian Invitation Badminton championship last month, under the auspices of the Asian Badminton Confederation. This, in fact, was organised as a parallel tournament to the All-England, hitherto considered as the unofficial World championship, as a protest against the refusal to admit China to the fold of the London-based International Badminton Federation.

The People's Republic of China became a member of the Asian Badminton Confederation about two years back but has not been granted recognition by the IBF so far. The international body is prepared to admit China but is not willing to expel Taiwan, which is already a member. On the other hand, the Chinese insist that they will not become members unless Taiwan is expelled. This boycott by the Asian nations took much of the glamour off the All-England. However, as a special concession, Indonesia were allowed by the ABC to participate in the London tourney, because one of the players, Rudy Hartono, had a chance of winning the title for a record eighth time. Rudy duly obliged — creating a fantastic world record in the bargain.

The Asian Championships were conducted at the huge Hua Mark Stadium on four Hova courts. About 15 countries participated. The playing conditions were good, though there was a strong wind blowing in from one side of the stadium, which tended to prevent players from giving of their best, to a certain extent.

Ile Sumirat of Indonesia annexed the men's singles title defeating China's No. 2 Hou Chia Chang in three gruelling games at 12-15, 15-8, 18-15. The final was one of the best matches seen for a long, long time, one worth going miles to see. It lasted nearly 54 minutes. An estimated crowd of 10,000 saw both players at their best, returning some near-impossible shots.

Chang started off very confidently and took a commanding 13-7 lead before Sumirat had settled down. The latter, however, soon made up the leeway to reduce it to 12-13 — but that's as far as he got, for Chang wrapped up the first game at 15-12.

Sumirat, launching into all-out aggression in the second game, was

right on top as Chang visibly tired and found it difficult to maintain the pace he had set in the first. The decider was a real battle of wits with many long rallies. Both moved neck and neck till Chang inched ahead at 13-12. Sumirat, however, caught up and went on to win a great match at 18-15.

It was badminton at its very best. Sumirat's main weapon was his whipping smash which he hit on both flanks with immaculate accuracy. His dribbling near the net was just superb. He also has a good backhand smash which he uses essentially as a surprise weapon. He depends a great deal on a low service from his backhand corner, which is quite unusual in singles play. He can also flick the bird back with the same action.

Earlier, Sumirat had beaten Tang-Hsen Hu, ranked No. 1 in China. Tang was well below his wonted form and conceded too many negative points during the three games. He lost the first 9-15 and was trailing 7-12 in the second. At this stage, the 'Tiger,' as he is called, awoke and won the game without conceding a further point. In the decider, Sumirat simply did not let the Chinese settle down and wrapped up the game at 15-6.

Sumirat's performance in both the semis and the final had to be seen to be believed. The Chinese Nos. 1 and 2 were considered by most to be virtually unbeatable, but Sumirat put them in their place effectively and was a worthy winner.

I was seeded 6th in the singles and had a bye in the first round. Then, I got a walk-over from a Burmese player in the second. In the third, I defeated the China No. 5 Lin Shin Chuan at 17-15, 15-12. After I had won the first game, I found myself down 6-11 in the second. But I slowly caught up and won the match at 15-12. In the quarters, I lost to Sumirat, the eventual winner, in straight games, 6-15, 4-15. He proved to be too quick for me and outclassed me in every department.

Devinder Ahuja lost to Kwek Chew Peng of Malaysia in the first round in three games, 2-15, 15-9, 15-18. Ahuja, who made the trip in place of Asif Parpia (who had to drop out on account of exams), played well and was distinctly unlucky to lose in the very first round. Peng went on to beat 4th-



Ile Sumirat . . . the winner

seeded Bandid Jayien of Thailand also in three games.

In the doubles, Ahuja and I beat a Thai pair in the first round and then lost to the top seeds, Hadinata and Ade Chandra of Indonesia in the quarters, at 8-15, 5-15. Hadinata and Chandra claimed the title when they beat the scratch Chinese pair of Tang Hsen-Hu and Lian Chin in straight games. In fact, the Indonesians were not once extended to three games all through the tourney.

Top-seeded Liang Chiu-Hsia of China won the women's singles beating Verawaty of Indonesia in a three-game final. Sylvia Ng and Rosalind of Malaysia annexed the women's doubles with a straight games win over Patama and Than-gamane of Thailand.

The inaugural venture was a grand success from every aspect. It demonstrated to the world the unity and solidarity of the Asian countries. The ABC has decided to make this an annual affair and the next championships have been allotted to Hong Kong for March, 1977.

From here and there



Hartono . . . calling it a day

INDONESIA's badminton ace Rudy Hartono, who won the all-England trophy for a record eighth time recently, is planning to hang up his racket for good. The Jakarta daily "Sinar Harapan" reported that Hartono said in London he wanted to retire from competitive badminton. Hartono said he would not return to London for the all-England championships next year. He was quoted as saying: "I feel old and there are many young players better than me."

A RECORD 40, including 20 outstation teams will participate in the Aga Khan hockey tournament to be held from May 1 at the Bombay Gymkhana. The gymkhana's managing committee will present special gold medals to three veteran players who are still participating in the major tournaments conducted by the Indian Hockey Federation, in appreciation of their services extended to the game. The three are Uddham

Singh (Border Security Force), Muruges and Attaullah Khan (ICF).

THE Allahabad Cricket Association presented a cheque of Rs. 1,30,000 and a car to former Test cricketer C. S. Nayudu.

Ram Prakash Mehra, president, Board of Control for Cricket in India, presented the cheque and the car to Nayudu. It may be recalled that the ACA had presented a purse to Vinoo Mankad about four years ago.

THE Amateur Athletic Federation of Iran has invited 12 athletes (both men and women) from India for participation in the Invitation championship to be held at Tehran from June 8 to 11.

SITA TRAVELS have, in conjunction with Air India, arranged special Sita-Olympiad tours which will enable the tourists to watch several events at the Montreal Olympic Games. The 16-day tour will cover places of interest in the United States and include a visit to the Montreal Olympics. The cost ranges from Rs. 12,350 to Rs. 13,750.

THE working committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, which met in Delhi recently under the presidency of R. P. Mehra, decided to discontinue benefit matches for cricketers.

Instead, needy cricketers will be befittingly assisted from the Board's Benevolent Fund. According to Ghulam Ahmed, the Board will organise matches from time to time to swell the fund.



Santana . . . comeback

MANUEL SANTANA, one of Wimbledon's popular champions in 1966, is planning a comeback to British tennis in the Coca-Cola British Hard Courts championships at Bournemouth from May 10 to 16.

He is now 37 and in semi-retirement. This means he could be asked to qualify for Bournemouth, because he has no points for a computer ranking which decides direct entries.

But Santana says: "I would be happy to qualify if asked. Otherwise I might be lucky enough to get in as a wild card."

The "wild card" system allows sponsors or organisers to nominate certain players for direct entry to tournaments.

Baby seals Ali's lips

FOR the first time in his life Muhammad Ali is actually keeping his mouth tightly shut. The subject that has finally buttoned the "Louisville Lip" is his girl friend, Veronica Porsche, 24. She is expecting a baby!

When the matter was broached with Ali — the most garrulous personality in sporting history — he simply rolled his eyes, but made absolutely no other response. Ali, of course, is still married to his second wife, Belinda. They married in 1967 and have twin daughters, born five-and-a-half years ago. But the world heavyweight champion was a man determined to "float like a butterfly" outside as well as inside the ring.



When he arrived in Venezuela two years ago for a title defence, Veronica was with him. By the time the Ali entourage had moved to Manila for last November's Frazier fight, the Porsche presence had become a permanent one. It was not a situation Belinda was prepared to take lying down. She flew to Manila and added an unscheduled sparring session to her husband's training programme.

With telling effect Ali emerged one morning with a nasty bruise swelling above his left eye — the result of a well-timed left hook delivered by the 5 ft. 10 in. Belinda.

By last month, however, the real Mrs. Ali had been counted out of the champion's life. And in the light of Veronica's condition, a rematch is most unlikely.

—WILLIAM HICKEY

TIPS TO YOUNG CRICKETERS — 14

THE first-wicket down batsman is very often the finest player in the side and this position has become one of honour. In my time Neil Harvey held that position for Australia and was undoubtedly suited to it.

The No. 3 batsman, as he is known, may at times have to face new ball bowling with all its hostilities and dangers but, if the openers have done their job, he can start to use his grand array of strokes so that runs can be scored as quickly as possible.

You must not think that in this position a batsman must play his strokes off every ball, but nevertheless, the batsman must play strokes at every opportunity. He must be a very sound player because it is most important that he should do well as he sets the pattern for the remaining batsmen.

The No. 4 position, or second wicket down, is also reserved for a very good batsman—just think of Norman O'Neill, Garfield Sobers and Colin Cowdrey. This batsman should be an attacking player; one who can take over and carry on the job of the openers.

He should, when necessary, be prepared to take risks. The No. 4 batsman will usually go in to bat when the slow bowlers are operating and it is essential that he be

able to move his feet rapidly in order to smother the spin and to be able to get into the most favourable position to hit the ball hard.

If anything, he is more quick-footed than the openers and he uses a higher backlift and is free in his stroke-making. His thoughts should always be attacking and if you are a good strong batsman who likes to get runs quickly this may be your position.

The No. 5 position often is reserved for the younger player; the one who should profit by the greater experience of the earlier batsmen. His job, if things are going well, is to carry on the good work, or in times of adversity to help his side out of trouble. He thus has considerable responsibility and will, if he learns his lessons, work his way up the batting order.

The good cricket team will have players who can bowl and bat, all-rounders like Richie Benaud and Alan Davidson. They do not bat early in the order as they need time to rest after bowling, but what a wonderful asset a team has if a bowler can play a fighting innings when it is badly needed.

If you are an all-rounder you will bat at number six or seven and any improvement you can make to your batting technique

will one day be of great benefit to you and your side. Some teams, though, are gifted to have wicket-keepers who are splendid batsmen. If they are good with the bat they usually go in before the all-rounders. If they are reliable, but not exceptionally gifted with strokes, the wicketkeepers go in after the all-rounders.

If you specialise in bowling you will go in near the bottom of the list, but never forget that as a "rabbit" you may be of great value to your team. Remember Lindsay Kline's great innings when batting at number 11 in the fourth Test against the West Indies in the 1960-61 series. He saved the day for Australia by defying the bowling for nearly two hours. Perhaps one day you may be called on to perform a similar feat, even though your place in a cricket team depends on your bowling.

Finally, I would say to you, that in whatever position you venture on the field for your team, never forget that runs win matches. Think aggressively, hit the ball as hard as you can, don't allow your opponents to dominate you. But never take an unfair advantage.

Colin McDonald in Cricket.
The Australian Way
(to be continued)

Viswanath tops 2,000 in Tests

WHEN Viswanath reached 62 before being out in the second innings of the first Test against West Indies at Bridgetown, he completed 2,000 runs in Test cricket. It was his 53rd innings in his 27th Test.

Viswanath, who hit up 137 against Australia on his debut for India at Kanpur in 1969, broke a 'hoodoo' when he scored 113 against England at Bombay (Brabourne Stadium) in 1972-73. He clouted his third century — 139 against West Indies at Calcutta in 1974-75. He is yet to score a century in Tests abroad.

Viswanath completed 1,000 runs in his 16th Test — 30th innings when his score stood at 38 against England at Manchester in 1974.

Umrigar (3631), Manjrekar (3209), Borde (3062), Pataudi (2793), Engineer (2611), Pankaj Roy (2441), Hazare (2192), Wadekar (2115), Vinoo Mankad (2109), Jaisimha (2056) and Dilip Sardesai (2000) have scored 2,000 runs or more for India in Tests.

Viswanath missed two Tests against West Indies in 1971 — at Kingston (first Test) and Port of Spain (second Test — which India won by seven wickets). He has played in the last 23 Tests without a break.



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1969	v	Australia	4	8	1	137	334	47.71
1971	v	West Indies	3	5	—	50	135	27.00
1971	v	England	3	6	1	68	128	25.60
1972-73	v	England	5	10	1	113	365	40.55
1974	v	England	3	6	—	52	200	33.33
1974-75	v	West Indies	5	10	1	139	568	63.11
1976	v	New Zealand	3	6	1	83	197	39.40
1976	v	West Indies	2	3	—	62	94	31.33
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—B. N. NAGARAJA RAO.

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The task: beating the Windies

ALEC BEDSER once spent his winter digging up elms at 3 pence a tree. His back grew strong and English cricket felt the benefit from the sustained aggression of his bowling.

This winter was much more lucrative. Bedser put his money on Australia to chop down the West Indies. His wallet grew fat and English cricket should feel the benefit from the strength of his conviction.

Australia, you see, demolished the West Indies even more convincingly than they had disposed of England the year before. Which proves, says Alec, that England are not as bad as people imagined.

Now, if they put their backs into it, there is no reason why England cannot beat West Indies at home this summer, India there during the winter, and Australia here in 1977 to retain the Ashes.

You don't believe it? Well, Alec Bedser is not a dreamer. He has worked for everything he has got. And as chairman of the England selectors — he has just been appointed for his fifteenth season as a selector and his eighth as chairman — he knows as much about the weaknesses of English cricket as he knows about its strengths.

He does not care to dwell on the weaknesses. "I saw Tommy Docherty on television the other night," he told me, "talking about how he never bothered too much about the opposition, preferring to let his own players go out and do their own thing."

"I'm a bit like that. We all have marvellous ideas about what we'd like to do and obviously you plan as best you can. But in the end it all depends on what is available. All we can do is pick what is there."

You don't have to be a Solzhenitsyn to know what isn't there. No Jeff Thomson or Dennis Lillee, no Barry Richards or Clive Lloyd.

"But," says Bedser, "What is there is better than some people might think. Given an even break, freedom from injuries, that sort of thing, we are as good as anybody . . . particularly in England."

West Indies, currently rehabilitating at India's expense after their Australian mauling will be formidable opposition.

Yet Bedser looks forward to the new season as optimistically and enthusiastically as he did when he first joined the selection panel in 1962.

Granted one wish, he and colleagues Ken Barrington, Sir Len Hutton and Charlie Elliot would



Alec Bedser . . . eighth season as selectors' chairman

ask for a new explosive fast bowler to pop up out of a coalmine or even Tommy Cooper's fez.

But in the absence of a miracle they would perhaps settle for a return to full fitness of our two

most penetrative bowlers, Bob Willis and Mike Hendrick, who have seemed better equipped for Lourdes than Lord's on their recent medical records.

If Bedser had his way they would spend a good part of every day between now and the start of the season just bowling. "Look at it this way," he says. "A bloke training to run the 1500 metres at the Olympics will be running something like 150 miles a week so that when it comes to the big day it's no problem to him."

"Bowlers wanting to play at the highest level should have that attitude. They should get through hundreds and hundreds of overs a week to build themselves up for the enormous effort required to bowl 25 overs a day under Test match pressure."

And, he might have added, dig up elm trees in the winter to strengthen their backs. Alec Bedser assures me that it's a marvellous exercise and I'll take his word for it.

—PAT GIBSON

Tour itinerary

WEST INDIES will play five Tests, three one-day internationals and 22 three-day matches on their tour of England from May to September 1976.

WEST INDIES IN ENGLAND, 1976
May 12, 13, 14: v Surrey at the Oval.

May 15, 17, 18: v Hampshire at Southampton.

May 19, 20, 21: v Kent at Canterbury.

May 22, 24, 25: v M.C.C. at Lord's.

May 26, 27, 28: v Somerset at Taunton.

May 29, 31, June 1: v Sussex at Hove.

June 3, 4, 5, 7, 8: **FIRST TEST** at Nottingham (Trent Bridge).

June 9, 10, 11: v Oxford & Cambridge Universities at Cambridge.

June 12, 13, 14: v Lancashire at Manchester.

June 17, 18, 19, 21, 22: **SECOND TEST** at Lord's.

June 23, 24, 25: v Worcester or Nottingham or Northampton.

June 26, 28, 29: v Leicestershire at Leicester.

June 30, July 1, 2: v Yorkshire at Sheffield.

July 3, 5, 6: v Derbyshire at Chesterfield.

July 8, 9, 10, 12, 13: **THIRD TEST** at Manchester (Old Trafford).

July 14, 15, 16: v Ireland (venue to be fixed).

July 17, 19, 20: v Warwickshire or Worcestershire.

July 22, 23, 24, 26, 27: **FOURTH TEST** at Headingley (Leeds).

July 28, 29, 30: v Essex at Chelmsford.

July 31, Aug. 2, 3: v Middlesex at Lord's.

Aug. 4, 5, 6: v Minor Counties at Torquay.

Aug. 7, 9, 10: v Glamorgan at Swansea.

Aug. 12, 13, 14, 16, 17: **FIFTH TEST** at the Oval.

Aug. 18, 19, 20: v Northampton or Nottingham or Worcester.

Aug. 21, 23, 24: v Gloucestershire at Bristol.

Aug. 26: England v West Indies (one-day international) at Scarborough.

Aug. 28: England v West Indies (one-day international) at Lord's.

Aug. 30: England v West Indies (one-day international) at Birmingham.

Sept. 1, 2, 3: v Warwickshire if not played on July 17.

Sept. 4, 5: v T. N. Pearce's XI at Scarborough.

THE SOUTH AFRICA

by DAVID FRITH

THINKING back to the summer of '75, as most of us will be doing from time to time for the rest of our lives, I am struck by the way that all the excitement of the Prudential World Cup and the Test matches and the domestic competitions, and the optimism those events engendered, have been overshadowed so soon by so many troubles around the cricket world.

The principal area for concern is — as it has been for almost a decade — South Africa. On the spot reports give a gloomy picture. Not only does the new all-races council seem ill-fated, but the whole issue seems to be fading into relative unimportance as the Republics of South Africa and Rhodesia face the threat of hostilities. Again, cricketers will be wearing 'khaki' instead of creams.

The 'spin-off' problem apropos South Africa is seen in the form of sanctions. Guyana has taken a hard line on cricketers who have played recently in South Africa and therefore, in the opinion of the Guyana Government, are sympathetic to apartheid. Barbados did not appreciate one of their players, G. A. Greenidge being barred from entering, so they went home without playing their Shell Shield match at Georgetown.

If Guyana is to be consistent,



Eddie Barlow . . . can he lead South Africa back?

all sorts of prohibitions are in store. This would lead to truncated tours of West Indies by other Test teams, and possibly a West Indies diminished in itself. Should that

appalling situation worsen with other territories exercising sanctions, it is not the wildest supposition that in time each of the territories might be striving for independent full membership of the International Cricket Conference. While it is true that Barbados could once field a team of almost Test strength, and Guyana are today, in a similar position, international cricket would be obviously and immeasurably the poorer for a dissolution of the West Indies Test XI that we have to know and admire.

It is hardly classified information that some observers fully expect Test cricket to fall into two separate divisions by the 1980s — white and non-white. What a joyless prospect! Presumably these Jeremiahs see a clique of England, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, perhaps joined by Canada, Holland and Corfu! West Indies will play against India and Pakistan, and Sri Lanka will get their long-awaited elevation. Bangladesh will have their chance. South Africa's non-Europeans will at last utilise theirs. There might even be two World Cups. If you think there is too much Test cricket now, wait for the Orwellian arrangements next decade!

It is not often easy to detect whether a sports control body is in accord with the attitude of its

Squalid squabbles and threats

MASSIVE events of history were taking place in South Africa . . . touching cricket and the much bigger subject of survival itself . . . when the fourth tour of the Republic by a Derrick Robins side took place between January 7 and February 14 this year. So in the midst of it all, it was not surprising that the actual matches made rather less impact than usual.

First was the darkening shadow of the war situation in neighbouring Angola, with every family one met appearing to have a son, brother or husband either 'on the border' or standing by. Then we clicked for the summit conference of the three governing bodies of cricket in South Africa . . . the blacks, whites and coloureds . . . where they agreed to form one governing authority, mixed cricket, and all other essentials of South Africa's eventual return to the Test scene.

That was promptly followed by the squalid squabbling among the coloureds that caused the abandonment of the specially arranged first-ever multi-racial match against the Robins XI to "show the world that those conference agreements could be implemented." There were even threats of violence to any coloured players who dared to play in a game his own president had initiated.

Fortunately, the nastiness of that abandonment did not mean that the summit agreements also had been thrown over. They stand. And so does the nine-man action committee, headed by Rachid Varachia, president of the coloureds, appointed to put them into operation.

In view of all that has happened I can't resist suggesting that sooner the cricket council in U.K. takes steps to get to know at first hand how solid South Africa's real progress is the better.

Certainly before the hares of invective start to run at this year's International Cricket Conference they should send a three-man delegation there, or invite new leader Rachid Varachia and representatives of his action committee here to understand the score. Their efforts need, and merit, that sort of encouragement at the very least.

During the latest squabble two disturbing impressions came through to this particular observer on the spot. First that the coloured cricketers seem alarmingly unwilling to risk appearances in any representative mixed teams because of their limitations. And second, because they have no cricketers of Test standard in their ranks as yet, the political activists among them seem to see no reason why South Africa's return to the international scene shouldn't be delayed till they have.

—CRAWFORD WHITE

DILEMMA & WHAT NEXT?

national government, and neither does it much matter, for the will of Ministers prevails. Shall we soon see, then, cricketers from certain Caribbean territories, deprived of Test match play, playing only as professionals in one or more other countries, as Barry Richards, Mike Procter, Brian Davidson and Clive Rice have done and Eddie Barlow is about to do? A government will not lose its equilibrium over that. There are much more profound matters than cricket to be considered in this turbulent world.

This is no time for predictions, but the unhappy possibilities need no spelling out. Maybe it is time for hope and trust — even a little prayer. In the thirty years since the War, world cricket has blossomed almost beyond imagination. Sometimes there has been frost on the leaves, but on the whole the development has strengthened year by year. The thousands who do not now go to watch county matches are nevertheless following the game through the media — and have swelled in number. Australia is enjoying a saturation of cricket, a major topic once more in all branches of life. Enthusiasm abounds in India, West Indies and Pakistan. New Zealand now has more first-class cricket than it has ever known. So many smaller cricketing nations are proud to be associate members of the ICC, and several have higher ambitions.



Graeme Pollock . . . will the world see him at his best?

Yet we shall never see Barry Richards batting at Bombay or Bridgetown or Clive Lloyd at Dur-

ban or Cape Town. Only in England is a scoreline such as 'Kali-charran c Zahir Abbas b Mike Procter' possible: but how much longer?

Though spring fast approaches, it comes this year with less anticipation and more apprehension than last. In their passions and indignation, those who offend and are offended around the globe might do well to study one of Oscar Wilde's less flippant passages: "It will be a marvellous thing — the true personality of man — when we see it. It will grow naturally and simply, flower-like, or as a tree grows. It will not be at discord. It will never argue or dispute. It will not prove the things. It will know everything, and yet it will not busy itself about knowledge. It will have wisdom. Its value will not be measured by material things. It will have nothing, and yet it will have everything, and whatever one takes from it, it will still have, so rich it will be. It will not be always meddling with others or asking them to be like itself. It will love them because they will be different. And yet, while it will not meddle with others, it will help all, as a beautiful thing helps us by being what it is. The personality of man will be very wonderful. It will be as wonderful as the personality of a child."

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THE AUSSIE URGE

RECENT events indicate that Australia is eager to visit South Africa and resume Test cricket with them. JOHN BENAUD, former Australian Test player, writing in 'Australian Cricket' asks, if the tour is on, what sort of a team could South Africa field?

Who would be South Africa's captain now Ali Bacher is gone? Peter Pollock, that great fast bowler is gone too. Not many of those great Springboks survive from the team that eclipsed Lawry's team back in 1970. Gone too are mighty

six-hitting 'keeper Denis Lindsay and the mercurial cover field Colin Bland.

Left are Eddie Barlow, the veteran at 34, Graeme Pollock and Mike Procter.

I've relied on the advice of John Gleeson, the former Australian spinner who has spent much time in South Africa playing Currie Cup and touring with Derrick Robbins' team. Also Bruce Francis, a Robbins' tourist.

Today's South African team would be something like this:

earnings past the mark. He joins Rod Lawry, Ken Rosewall and Arthur Ashe as the only four players to achieve this distinction.

—ASHISH RAY

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picion of rigged matches, and I want it to stay that way."

So far there are no upants

MIKE PROCTER, Gloucestershire's South African Test star, is finished as a top-class pace bowler.

The 29-year-old allrounder has written from Rhodesia telling the county his knee ligament and cartilage trouble has not responded to winter treatment.

Gloucestershire skipper Tony Brown said: "On his day Mike was as fast as West Indian Andy Roberts and this is a blow to us just before the start of the season."

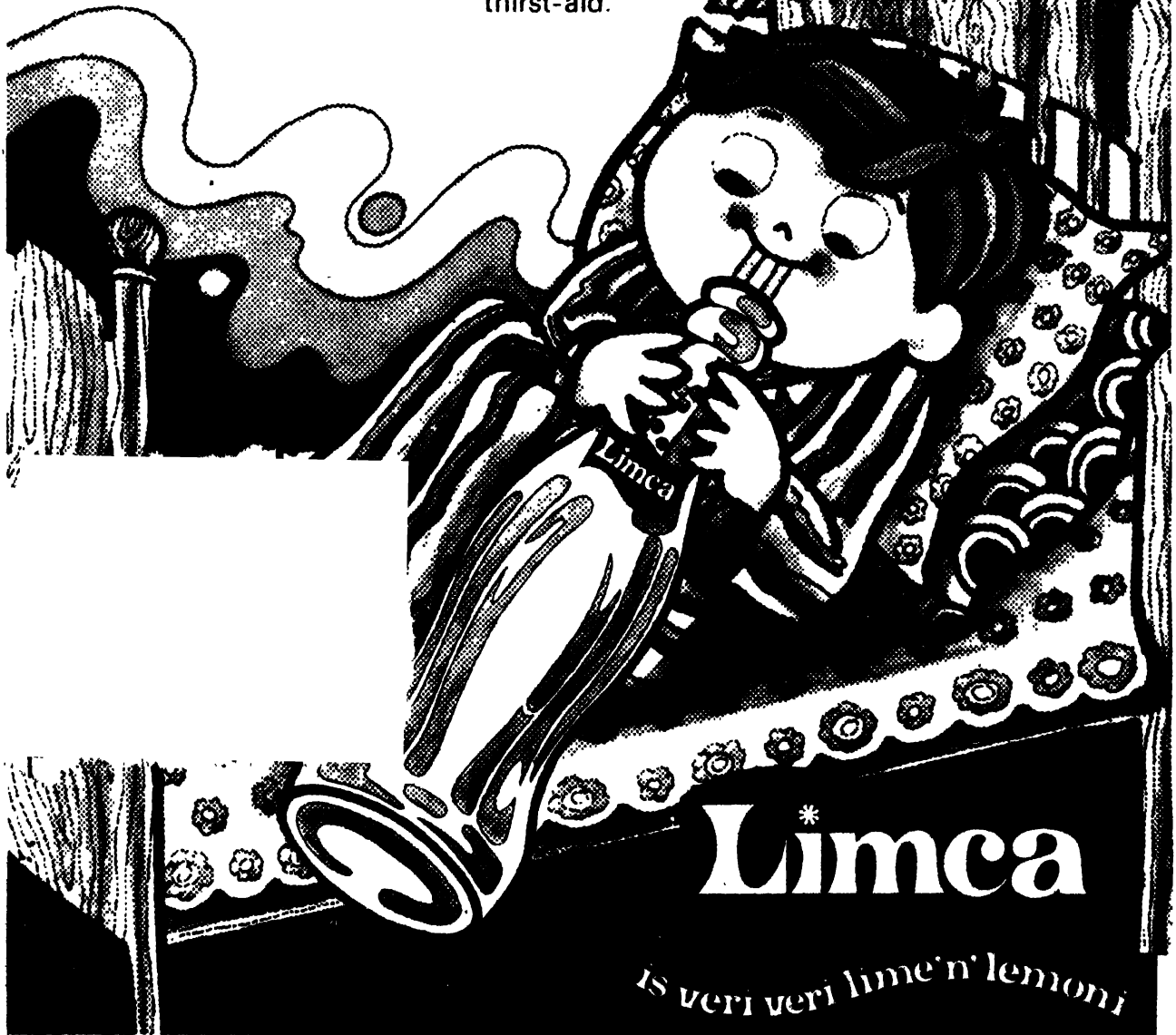
What's more important?

THE International Wanderers, led by Greg Chappell and which includes Ian Chappell, is now touring South Africa. One interesting aspect of this side will surround the changing habits of New Zealand captain Glenn Turner on the tour.

Turner went on record two years ago saying he will never change in the same dressing room as Ian Chappell. His blunt statement followed a clash between the two players during the Australia-New Zealand Test series in New Zealand in 1974.

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Arthur Ashe

A YEAR ago, Arthur Ashe not only won the WCT play-off, but he was also the first player to clinch a berth in the finals, apart from being the recipient of the bonus prize for the highest points in the tour.

Now, at the midway stage of the current circuit, the reigning Wimbledon champion is well on his way to securing the two latter honours, along with augmenting his chances of recapturing the overall crown.

The Negro star, at the time of writing, has triumphed in five of the six tournaments he's participated in and has raised his record to 21 victories from 22 matches. Ashe's phenomenal form has inflated his purse to \$117,413 since the beginning of 1976, his only loss during this period being to

Tom Gorman in the US Pro Indoor Championships in Philadelphia.

At present, he leads the 57-member competitors' field with a score of 670—265 ahead of Tom Okker who lies at second place. Guillermo Vilas, the Argentinian left-hander, despite a delayed entrance has roped in two titles in as many appearances and has reason to be proud of his 8-0 performance in the space of a fortnight.

Other championship successes have been cornered by Eddie Dibbs (two from four outings), Bjorn Borg and Ilie Nastase (one from three outings) and Jimmy Connors (one from one outing). As is evident, no one is, as yet, assured of a ticket to Dallas for the ultimate phase of the schedule with the possible exception of Ashe and what the eight-player line-up eventually will be, is, at the moment, a matter for conjecture.

Bob Lutz and Stan Smith are the front-runners in the doubles series. They have collected, thus far, 545 points, with Ashe and Okker just a shade behind on 530. Defending champions, Brian Gottfried and Raul Ramirez are third with a tally of 440. The picture no doubt, is a lot more predictable here and one can safely say that the above three pairs along with the combination of Hewitt-McMillan are almost certain to compete in the "classic" at Kansas City.

From an Indian angle the story is much more encouraging than last season's. Vijay Amritraj seems

to have at last found his feet and if he can maintain the improvement that he's been showing, he could well figure among the "select eight" at the end of the tour. The partnership of the Amritraj brothers' at this juncture stand fifth and appear set to qualify for the second time running, barring a remarkable reversal of form and fortune.

Vijay Amritraj won his first WCT title at Memphis recently overcoming Stan Smith in the finals. To crown a memorable week he teamed up with brother Anand to trounce Roscoe Tanner and Marty Riessen 6-3, 6-4 and take home the doubles prize too.

In the concurrent contest at Mexico City, Raul Ramirez sent his home-supporters into raptures by emulating Vijay's feat and in the bargain enlisting his name among this year's tournament winners.

To put it in a nutshell, the decks have now been cleared for the crucial second act and the crunch will be felt by everyone, except those who are naturally gifted to make the grade. It would be unreasonable to expect anything spectacular from the Indian challenge in the concluding leg, but let that be a topic of discussion at a later date.

TAILPIECE: Nastase has pushed his earnings past the million dollar mark. He joins Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall and Arthur Ashe as the only four players to achieve this distinction.

—ASHISH RAY

NO BETTING HERE, PLEASE

WIMBLEDON spectators will not be able to bet on individual tennis matches this year.

The Championship Committee has decided to prohibit bookmakers from quoting odds on each match, a popular feature in the first-ever betting marquee alongside the Centre Court last year.

William Hill, pioneers of the new betting arena, not only quoted odds on the final results, but also chalked up daily prices for individual matches.

Because of losses made recently by Ladbrokes in the John Player Tournament at Nottingham, where

the players and those inside big tennis made a minor killing because they knew more about form than the bookies, William Hill engaged Buster Mottram as adviser.

Arthur Ashe, president of the Association of Tennis Professionals and defending Wimbledon champion, opposes the new tennis betting, because of the danger of abuses.

Ashe, quoting betting scandals that have rocked football, baseball, hockey and basketball in the United States, said: "So far we have kept our game clean with no sus-

picion of rigged matches, and I want it to stay that way."

So far there are no occupants of this year's betting marquee. William Hill have declined to pay a higher rent for what they deem "inferior premises."

This year the betting marquee is to be moved from its choice position alongside the Centre Court and refreshment tents to the rear of the ground near the hard court, where a new temporary stand is to be erected.

Punters would have to struggle through the congested alleyways packed with spectators. But you can't keep a keen punter — or bookie down.

—FRANK ROSTRON

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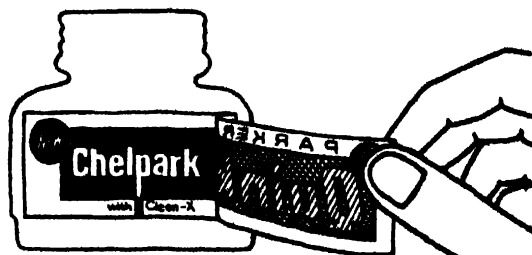


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THE offside trap, operated with such efficiency by countless English football clubs, is illegal.

That is the revolutionary view of FIFA referee Tom Reynolds, of Swansea, who has asked the world governing body, the referees committee and the International Board to re-examine the law.

Reynolds, one of England's top referees, claims: "It is the defender who is cheating by attempting to gain by putting the attacker in this offside position."

"It was never the intention of the Football Association when the offside law was introduced 106 years ago that forwards who are

deliberately put offside by defenders should be penalised."

Reynolds also suggests that by widening the goals by one foot (present width eight yards) a further 1,000 to 1,500 goals might be scored in the four divisions of the English Football League alone each season.

He told me: "There is not nearly enough reward for attacking football. Teams like Manchester United and Derby are doing a tremendous job by their present attitude, but they take a huge risk against the more calculating teams."

Reynolds' whole argument is based on the "spirit of the game," the fundamental aspect on which most of the laws were based.

He points out in his thesis just published by FIFA News that the wording of the original law in the Cambridge Rules of 1848 penalised the forward who "loiters between the ball and the adversary's goal."

Reynolds says: "The word offside does not seem to have appeared until the year 1870."

"Over a period of years the professionals and coaches have persuaded the referees to interpret the offside law, not as it was writ-

ten, but how they themselves want it to be.

"We are now applying the law as it is accepted rather than the way it was intended to be applied."

"The most difficult avenue of football is uniformity of interpretation. Therefore it could reasonably be put forward that it is the referees in their isolation from organisation who are the weak links in the interpretation of laws."

"It has been proved that by a short coaching course prior to World Cup finals, referees' interpretations can be reshaped."

On his suggestion for wider goals, he says: "There is too much difficulty in attacking such a small area, which was designed in the last century when men on average were shorter, when the world high jump record was less than 6ft., and when players were nowhere near as fit or as professional."

"If we accept that the ball hits the post or bar on average once every match, it is easy to see how many more goals might come from widening the goal by as little as one foot."

— DAVID MILLER

Advertise, or be damned

THE day the English soccer star carries the name of a deodorant across his sweat-stained shirt has drawn a little closer.

However odorous the thought, clubs have to accept that commercialism might force its way on to the field.

Derek Dougan set the precedent for soccer-shirt advertising when he sent his Kettering team out recently with the name of a tyre company across their jerseys.

And the League secretary Alan Hardaker underlined that the 92 clubs under his umbrella are not at present allowed to advertise on shirts, but he conceded that such a change could be possible.

He told me: "The game is already losing some of its dignity. Any decision by clubs to allow the kind of advertising that Kettering used would, in my view, be a very backward step."

"But the clubs could change the rules if they wished."

John Deacon, chairman of hard-up Portsmouth, said: "I have an open mind about this. But the majority of clubs are not paying their way."

"Consequently we must all examine ways of raising finance. This is obviously one of them. For in-



stance, if IBM, which has its headquarters in Portsmouth, was to offer £20,000 to have its company name on our shirts I would have to give it serious consideration.

"But it would have to be done very tastefully."

At the other end of the monetary scale are Arsenal, one of the country's most financially sound outfits. General manager Bob Wall

told me: "We are probably a little more staid than most clubs."

"We were one of the last clubs in Britain to allow advertising hoardings around the pitch. The thought of having the name of local butcher Joe Bloggs on our shirts would make the directors shudder."

"But the reason we allowed ground advertising was for revenue purposes and I can understand that some of the poorer off clubs would be willing to do this. I just hope it never has to happen to us."

Not surprisingly, Luton, who six weeks ago were faced with financial ruin, would welcome big money for shirt advertising.

Manager Harry Haslam told me: "We in football will have to do a lot of things we don't like in the next few years. It's not just what I might think, it is what the bank manager thinks."

"If that means sending out the players with flowers on their shorts to keep the club alive, then we would have to do it."

The final word comes from Hardaker: "Those who go to soccer want to see a game of football, not be reminded every time they look at a player that they must go home and tell the wife to change her soap powder."

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Southern Railway skipper Iyathukrishnan receiving the cup from Mahindra's Director D. R. Sule



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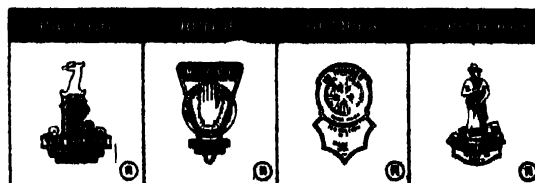
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PROFILE

Ajinder Kaur

AJINDER KAUR is a powerful-ly-built Punjabi girl who has built her hockey on the foundations of a stubborn defence, forceful tackling and a remarkable skill at converting penalty-corners. She was the architect of India's victory at the Begum Rasool IHT for she scored four goals out of the nine India scored.

Twenty-five-year-old Ajinder Kaur is the youngest of six daughters of a retired official of the Punjab Government. She participated in all games as a student of the Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Jullundur but made a mark as a shot-putter. She even participated in the inter-district athletic meet in 1965.

After joining Lyallpur Khalsa College for Women, Jullundur, her attention turned to hockey. She started as a right-back and to this day it is her favourite position. She was fortunate to be coached by Gurucharan Singh Bodhi. "Bodhi's critical appraisal of the game helped me strive for perfection," she says.

Ajinder got her big break when she was selected to play against Australia in a Test match at New Delhi in 1967, even before repre-



senting her home state of Punjab. She was chosen for India again in the First Asian Women's Hockey championships at New Delhi, in 1968.

Since then Ajinder has never looked back. She was a regular member of the Indian team and she captained the side at the World Cup Hockey Championships at Cannes in 1974 and again at Edinburgh, Scotland, last year.

About her game, coach Balkrishan Singh says, "She moves up and down swiftly. Her tackling, anticipation and interceptions are very good. She has a very strong hit and she is the best penalty-corner specialist in India at the moment."

Comparing our standards with other countries, the amiable Arjuna Award winner says, "Our standard has certainly improved but our biggest handicap is lack of women's hockey tournaments in India. We have only two competitions — the inter-varsity and the Nationals. Another drawback is our physical fitness."

Ajinder made a special mention of the German team that played at Madras. She says: "They played skilful hockey and their short passes were par excellence." But the West German team that came to Cannes for the World Cup Hockey Championships was the most impressive team she has seen to date.

Ajinder holds a master's degree in Physical Education, and is employed as a Physical Instructor in the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Jullundur. She is also an NIS trained hockey coach. She spends most of her time coaching young trainees at the school.

—R. G. SESHACHALAM

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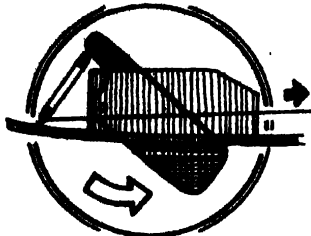
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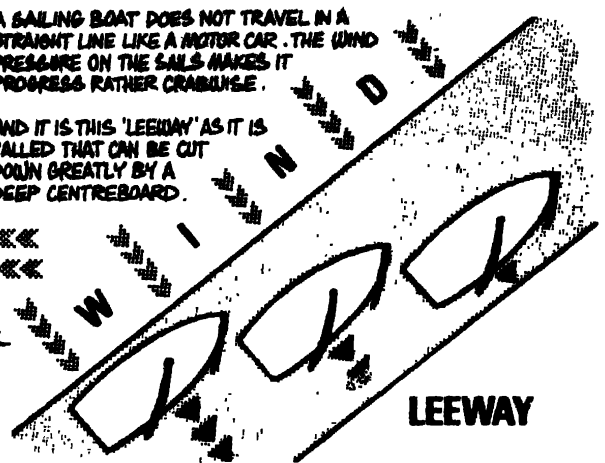


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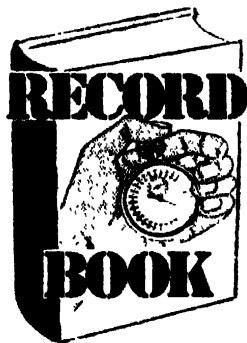
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LEEWAY

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by
DAVID
HENDERSON

Olympian hat-trick

THERE are many instances during the long history of the Olympic Games of men and women competing in three successive Olympiads. But few ever win a gold medal in three consecutive Games.

To accomplish such a performance means that a competitor must maintain world class consistency for a period of eight years. This would be remarkable in athletics, swimming or even one of the team sports, but in boxing it would be incredible. That's why the record of Lazlo Papp, of Hungary, deserves a place in "Record Book."

In 1948, when the Olympics were held at Wembley, London, the tough, southpaw puncher from Budapest, proved one of the sensations of the tournament. In the middleweight division he won his first three bouts by knock-outs. He then went on to reach the final in which he defeated Britain's John Wright on points. Gold medal No. 1.

Lazlo Papp was then 22 years old. Four years later he returned to the Olympics ring but not to defend his 1948 title. In the Helsinki Games he fought as a light-

middleweight. But increasing age and weight made little difference to the stocky, black haired Hungarian. He reached the final of his class and beat Von Schalkwyk (South Africa) on points. Gold medal No. 2.

Few who cheered him to victory in Helsinki really expected to see him again in the amateur ring — much less in a third successive Olympics. But when the boxers lined up in Melbourne in 1956, there was the 30-year-old Lazlo Papp, looking as fit and confident as ever, ready to defend his Olympic title and try to retain his place as the world's amateur champion at light-middleweight.

The Hungarian's immaculate boxing and his two-fisted tearaway attacks against much younger opponents was the highlight of the tournament. Once more he held off every challenge and reached the final of his class. It was a remarkable performance, but few even among his own supporters expected him to overcome the other final-

ist, a tall, coloured American named Jose Torres, who had gained a reputation as a knock-out specialist.

Papp looked almost a midget against Torres as they stepped into the ring for the final, but when the first round ended the sprightly, moustachioed Hungarian had proved himself more than a match for his bigger opponent. In the second round a perfectly timed left hook sent the American crashing back against the ropes.

Torres recovered and was still on his feet when the final round ended, but he had been taught a real boxing lesson by the man who was ten years his senior.

Lazlo Papp was a very proud man as he stood on the topmost step of the victory dais to receive his gold medal. It was his third Olympic gold and he was the first boxer ever to win THREE Olympic titles—a record that may never be beaten.

That incredible feat was achieved on December 1, 1956.

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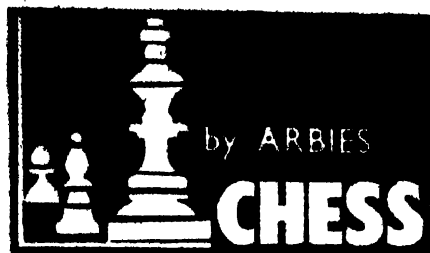
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LAST week I gave some games showing the pitfalls in the opening. Here are some instances of the excellence in the opening play of Tal and Smyslov against opponents who deviate from the straight path and come to grief. The manner in which they punish unconventional play is instructive.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE

White: Doroshkevich

Black: Tal

(USSR Champ. 1975-76)

1. PQ4, PKN3 2. PQB4, BN2 3. PK4, PQB4 4. PQ5, PQ3 5. NQB3, NKB3 6. BK2, 00 7. PB4, PK3 8. NB3, PxP 9. BPxP, BN5 (a) 10. 00, BxN 11. BxB, QN2 12. KR1, PQR3 13. BK3, (b) RK1 14. PKN4, PR3 15. PN5, PxP 16. PK5, PxBP! (c) 17. PxN, RxB 18. PxB, NK4 19. BN2, QN4 20. NK4, QR5 21. QO2, KxP 22. QKB2 (d) QxQ 23. RxQ, PB6 24. NxQP, RQ1! 25. NxNP,

PxBch 26. KxP, RxP 27. PN3, NQ6 28. RB2 (e) RK8! White resigns.

(a) The opening has transposed into the Four Pawns Attack against King's Indian Defence. Black's more usual alternatives here are 9... PQN4 or 9... RK1.

(b) Normal play for White is to stop Black's... PQN4 by 13. PQR4 and to work for PK5.

(c) White's attack is refuted with this piece offer for three Pawns and he is now himself exposed to attack.

(d) In view of the threat... RR1 White has to exchange Queens and return the piece.

(e) If 28. RKB1, RQ7ch wins the QNP. 28. RQ2 loses the exchange to 28... RK8 29. RxN, RN4ch etc. or 29. QRQ1, NB5ch etc.

VIENNA OPENING

White: Lombardy

Black: Smyslov

(Teesside, 1975)

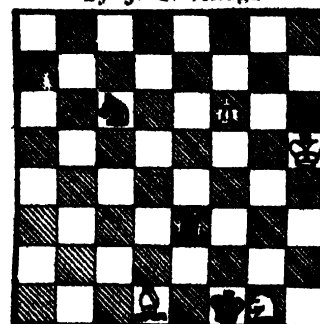
1. PK4, PK4 2. NQB3, NKB3 3. PB4, PQ4 4. PQ3?, KPxP 5. PK5, PQ5! 6. QNK2, NQ4 7. NxBP, BN5ch 8. KB2, NQB3 9. NB3, 00 10. BK2, NK6! 11. BxN, PxBch 12. KxP, BB4ch!, 13. PQ4, NxQP! 14. NxN, QN4 15. PB3, QxKPch 16. KB3, RQ1! 17. PKN3, BxN 18. KN2

BKB4 19. PxB, RxP 20. QK1, PKN4! 21. BB3, QxQ 22. KRxQ, PxN 23. PxP, RxP 24. RK7, RB5 25. PN3, RB7ch 26. KN3, BK3! 27. RKB1, RB6 28. KR4, RQ1 29. BR5, RQ5ch 30. KN5, KN2! 31. R 1xPch, BxR 32. RxPch, KN1 33. RB5, RK6 34. BN4, PB3 White resigns.

4. PxKP, NxP 5. NB3 or 5. QB3 is regular. Lombardy's attempt to catch Smyslov with the little known Steinitz's move 4. PQ3 is severely punished. Smyslov's Pawn sacrifice on his 10th move and piece sacrifice on his 13th move for attack and his pin-point accuracy throughout the game make it one of his superb master pieces

END GAME

By J. C. Ahaga



White to play and win.

PLAYING rubber-bridge for juicy stakes I surveyed this lay-out with mixed emotions:

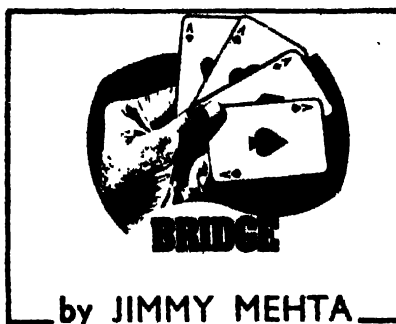
42
J 10 8 7
Q 10
A Q 9 3 2
N
S
A J 3
A Q 3 2
A K 3 2
K J

Bidding:

N	E	S	W
Pass	Pass	1C	Pass
2C	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	

We had reached the inferior contract of "6 NT" instead of the odds-on slam in hearts. In 6 hearts, even the troublesome spade lead permits North to ditch his losing spade on dummy's diamond before touching trumps. Surely, my partner could have introduced "3H" after my waiting bid of "2NT"! However, it was too late to bemoan the bidding and I had to get on with the play. The opening lead was the spade 3 on which East played the King and I won with the Ace. But for this opening lead, twelve tricks would have been available even with a losing heart finesse, but now the outcome seemed to hinge on the finesse.

However, I cashed the club King and continued with the knave



which I overtook in dummy when the ten appeared on my left. I cashed the club Ace discarding a spade and the friendly opponent on my left threw the heart 9. If this was a true card, my contract seemed doomed with only ten tricks on top and the spades wide open. I knew my left-hand-opponent to be an honest sort not given to false cards so I was determined to reject the finesse at all costs. The fourth club was cashed with a heart discarded from hand and my left-hand-opponent contributed a spade. On the fifth club, I shed the heart Queen and a diamond and a heart appeared on my left and right respectively. This was the seven card ending:—

4
J 10 8 7
Q 10
nil

J
A 2
A K 3 2
nil

With a prayer in my heart I cashed the diamonds, the last of which had become good on account of the diamond discard on my left, and threw my left-hand opponent in with the knave of spades to lead into my heart tenace.

This was the full hand:—

42
J 10 8 7
Q 10
A Q 9 3 2
N
O 10 8 7
K 9 5
7 6 5 4
10 4
K 9 7 6
6 4
J 9 8
8 7 6 5
S
A J 3
A Q 3 2
A K 3 2
K J

West could have saved the day by retaining his diamonds and blanking his Queen of spades but had I held four spades and three hearts he would then have set up a spade winner for me and exposed himself to a repeat squeeze in the red suits. Setting up a diamond winner, however, prevents the squeeze from repeating. West had no way of knowing. His error was his honest reputation and that tell-tale "nine of hearts" which tipped his hand.

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Saha—the champ

CALCUTTA: SOME excellent retrieving by the hard-working Kajal Saha enabled him to defeat Subroto Banerjee—champion for the past three years—15-11, 17-14 in the final and regain the men's singles title of



Kajal Saha . . . tenacious fighter

the West Bengal State Badminton Championships held at the Khudiram Hall here. Banerjee, the more aggressive player of the two, had been aiming for what would have been a record four-in-a-row triumph but he was foiled by Saha's tenacity. Incidentally, both men had lost a game in their respective semi-final encounters.

Banerjee salvaged some of his lost glory by taking the men's doubles in partnership with Laltu Guha. They beat reigning champions Saha and Amitava Ghose in the deciding game. The women's title was won by Anuradha Sarkar, who defeated her slimmer opponent, Tulsi Banerjee, 12-10 in the third game. Miss Banerjee and Priyobroto Sen (who lost to Subroto Banerjee in the singles semis) claimed the mixed doubles honours when their final rivals, Saha and Supriya Debroy, conceded the match midway through the second game.

The sole upset result of the meet had been unseeded Yogendra Jaiswal's toppling of the third-seeded Guha in the men's quarters. Indrajit Mukherjee beat Tilak Kar in the senior boys' final, and paired with Amit De to win the section pairs event and gain a double crown. Kajal Saha's younger brother, Gour Gopal Saha, claimed the junior boys' title beating Asit Luthra, while north Bengal lass Madhumita Goswami displayed a pleasing flair for smashing in winning the girls' final over Silpi Paul.

— SW Correspondent



THE NUTAN BAZAR
ASHOKE SANGH kabaddi team which recently annexed the West Bengal State Kabaddi League championship for 1975-76 in Calcutta

Kiddies' day

ASANSOL:

FOUR hundred kiddies were joyous for a full day — at their own Annual Sports, organised by Friends Club, Sen-Raleigh, (Kanyapur, 5 km. away from Asansol). The first annual children's sports festival — an athletic-based meet, open to all children below the age of twelve — was a grand success with over 20 events being gone through quickly.

— N. G. PAL

Keeping boxing alive

THE South Calcutta Physical Culture Association is doing yeoman service for boxing in West Bengal. In fact, besides the YMCAs, no civilian organisation has done as much to popularise this sport as this south Calcutta body. Under the auspices of the Bengal Amateur Boxing Federation, the SCPCA started a West Bengal Boxing League in 1974-75, the aim being to spread the sport to all parts of the State.

In the very first year of the league, as many as 150 boxers took part. And this is no mean achievement, considering that — for all practical purposes — boxing has been limited to the School of Physical Culture and just one or two other clubs.

Against the inaugural year's 12 participating clubs, this time there were 22, with 192 boxers taking part.

The ultimate aim is to hold the league on a continuing basis with hundreds of participants vying for honours. That way, competition will be very keen and tough. But the process will take time and a lot of efforts. Most of all, it will involve great expenditure, which the league cannot really afford at present. The organisers have so far depended a great deal on individual donations and encouragement. But the moving force behind this entire endeavour is young Asit Bannerjee, the organising secretary. From the birth of the idea to its fruition,

Banerjee has been toiling to make the boxing league a success. The question of finance has been plaguing him and his organisation from the very start. Personal donations helped him meet the expenses in the first year. Even so, there is a deficit of Rs. 1,694.03 on last year's expenditure of Rs. 17,173.

This year, the expenses are likely to total Rs. 25,000. Although he has gained experience over the past year, Bannerjee is still sceptical about breaking even. It will be extremely unfortunate if such a meagre sum comes between boxing honours for Bengal and the extinction of the sport in the State. A good point for the West Bengal State Sports Council to ponder over.

— Sportsworld Correspondent

Sita Rawley—the best at last!

"I WON my first major golf competition at Gulmarg, Kashmir, when I was 17. Naturally, I had then set my heart on winning one day the All-India Championship," said Mrs. Sita Rawley soon after fulfilling that long-cherished ambition.

Mrs. Rawley won the All-India Ladies' Amateur Golf Championship defeating Miss Harji Malik (6 and 4) at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club Course last month. There were 16 competitors, all with handicaps 18 and below. "I had a tough and exciting match in the semi-final round against Miss Duncan Smith, daughter of Mrs. C. P. Wallis, six-time winner of All-India Championship."

The wife of Lt. (Gen. N. C. Rawley, PVSM, AVSM, MC (retd), general manager of Assam Oil Company, Mrs. Rawley participated in this All-India competition first in 1969 and finished as the runner-up, the first Indian to do it. She was the runner-up again in 1971.

Winner of the Sri Lanka Ladies' Golf Championship in 1972, she was the first Indian woman to win the Northern India Ladies' Golf Championship in 1969. She emerged as the runner-up in 1971 and 1972. She was also the runner-up twice in the Western India Championship and annexed the Mixed Division Dunlop Cup, one of the biggest golf competitions in India, in 1973.

Her inexhaustible stamina has been built up by playing tennis, squash, swimming and riding. She



Mrs. Sita Rawley receives the All-India Ladies Amateur Golf championship trophy from West Bengal Governor, A. L. Dias

represented her college in tennis and till 1960 she continued playing it.

"But golf was the favourite game in my family. My father and brother played it. Then I found I too was good at it. Naturally, I got more interested in it."

There is polish in her strokes and plenty of concentration once she is on the greens. While on a trip abroad with her husband, Mrs. Rawley played on a number of different courses in the USA and England. These have added lustre to her game.

"I also played friendly matches there. In 1971, in such a match I beat the Oklahoma State Champion in 'Ponca City'." A keen

golfer and a devoted housewife Mrs. Rawley has also a zeal for community welfare work. She started two Kindergarten schools for Jawans' children, one at Jullundur and another in Calcutta. She also started sewing and cutting diploma classes, lectures on family planning and health for the labourers' families.

Asked if she would like to join competitions abroad, Mrs. Rawley said "I feel the standard of ladies' golf in India is not so high as to compete in foreign countries." Would she take part in the All India Championship next year? "Certainly, I will. I'll continue as long as I can play, not so much for winning, but for enjoying competitive golf."

Saha scores a double

ASANSOL:

BENGAL No 2, Kajal Saha scored a double, vanquishing Uttar Pradesh No. 1, Joginder Kumar Jaiswal in the singles and then beating ex-Bengal (now veteran) Pankaj Guha and Jaiswal in the doubles in the Open Badminton tournament, organised by Asansol Divisional Railway Sports Association at the Railway Officer's Club premises here recently.

In the first game of the singles final, Jaiswal won 15-13. Kajal, however, levelled matters by win-

ning the second game, 15-10. Then Jaiswal conceded the third and last owing to stomach pain.

In the doubles final, Kajal Saha and Biswanath Mukherjee (Calcutta) beat Pankaj Guha and J. K. Jaiswal 14-12, 14-18 and 18-13 in a well contested match.

Coal fields meet

ASANSOL:

THE two-day 22nd Ramganj Coal Field Central Sports meet ended recently at the Moira Stadium, 24 km. away from Asansol. Three hundred athletes representing 120 collieries under eight areas of Eastern Coal Fields Ltd. took

part in 30 events. Area Six was declared the overall team champions and Partha Dasgupta of Area Six became the individual champion. He has been adjudged the best athlete since 1973-74, thus completing a unique 'hat-trick'.

Inter-valley sports

ASANSOL:

THE two-day 6th Inter-Valley Athletic Sports at Maithon saw two hundred athletes from ten team units vie for honours in 15 events. DTPS retained the team championship for the sixth time since the inception in 1971.

—N. G. PAL

"DO you never tire of criticising the Table Tennis Federation of India?" The thought never occurs to me. However, I am sick at the way the federation keeps committing the same mistakes.

Far be it from me to pontificate. Nevertheless it should be pointed out that the object of all criticism is to not only to highlight all drawbacks but also to ensure that the same blunders are not repeated. Sad to say, the TTFI simply refuses to learn. The fault thus is not mine.

Take the selection of India's team for the Asian championships. As I write this, there are just 20 days for the start of the championships at Pyongyang in DPR Korea (North Korea) and barely a fortnight for the departure of the team. Yet, the team has not been announced.

Have the selectors met? When will the team be announced? No body knows for sure. Meanwhile, the air is thick with rumours. The men's team, it is believed will consist of Niraj Bajaj, Manjit Dua, Sudhir Phadke and Atul Parikh. If the resources position is too tight, the two member women's team of Indu Puri and Shailaja Salokhe, may not be sent. R Hari and Ajay Sidhaye will form the boys' team and Anita Sardesai and Meena Bohra the girls'.

However, there are problems. Both Bajaj and Dua, it is reliably learnt, will not be able to make the trip as they are appearing for university examinations. Their absence, especially that of national champion Bajaj, who has been our mainstay in international contests, will considerably weaken the side.

The same mistakes again



Manjit Dua (left) and Niraj Bajaj . . . will miss the Asians

The question that naturally arises is whether it will be worth sending a men's team under the circumstances.

However, there are more important questions at the moment. Like whether the federation is aware that Bajaj and Dua may not make the trip. Like whether the replacements can be informed and got ready for the meet in time. Like whether the federation has secured the grants or been able to raise the necessary funds for the trip.

Like who would pay for a player in case the federation hasn't got the money.

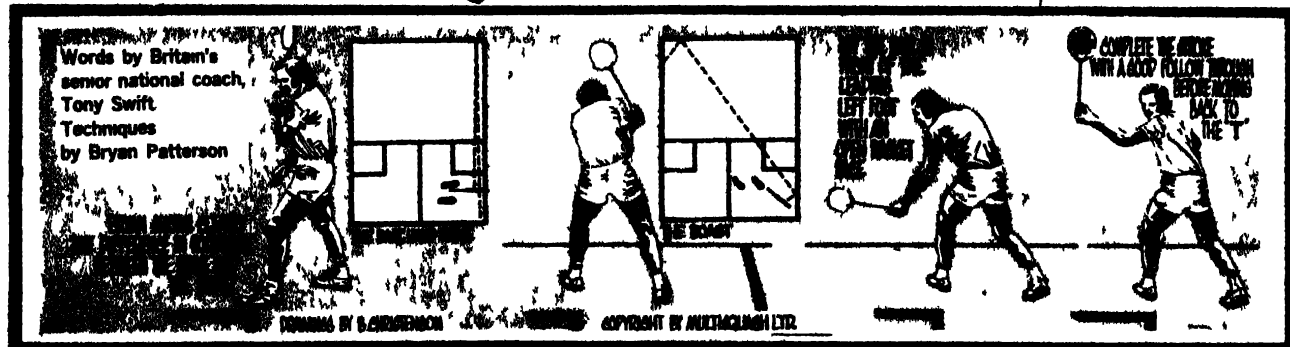
There are a few more. Will the team be able to secure the government's clearance without having undergone the three-week training camp that is now compulsory for all teams participating in international meets? Can a team assembled and packed off so hastily be able to put up a worthwhile performance?

What maddens one is that many, if not almost all, of these problems could have been so easily solved if only the federation had chosen the team at the end of the Nationals at Jaipur on February 16. It was a move that needed no great foresight and it would have given the players sufficient time to prepare themselves mentally and physically and perhaps even financially. Even if the federation was beset with problems like raising the necessary funds and securing clearance for the team, it should have left the players in peace and allowed them to concentrate on putting up a good show.

Especially as India were relegated to category two at the last World's, the Asian championship affords us with an invaluable opportunity to rebuild a side for the next World's. As such a lot of preparation and planning ought to have gone into the team for the Asian. And here we are not knowing who will make the trip and how with just about a fortnight to go.

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Poorest-ever Gold Cup

by PAT SARTE

BOMBAY'S Gold Cup Hockey in this Olympic year turned out to be the poorest ever in the annals of the tournament. More than one reason can be advanced for this. But perhaps the most important was the clash with another tournament, the Indira Gandhi Tournament, inaugurated in Jammu and Kashmir.

The overlapping of dates was largely the result of the Indian Hockey Federation's disregard for principles and its eagerness to satisfy interests which still tend to influence the course of the game in this country. The tournament

among such teams was the Sikh Regimental Centre (Meerut). What was galling for the BHA, the organisers of the Gold Cup tournament, was the helplessness expressed by the IHF authorities in this matter. This was something extraordinary for a body which fought bitterly to establish its credentials to administer the game throughout the country, having set the programme officially for the Gold Cup in Bombay the IHF thought it fit to let a small tournament be run on the same dates and in the process hurt the organisers of the Bombay tournament.

rently, had forced teams indirectly to withdraw from the Gold Cup and enter the Indira tournament in preference. Other teams, apart from the SRC (Meerut), to withdraw were Punjab Police, a big draw-card in Bombay, Northern Railway (Delhi), ASC North and Signals fielded depleted sides — one of their sides participating in the northern contest.

With star sides and star players out of the fray it was but natural that spectator interest should have cooled off. It was hoped by the tournament authorities, who had employed trained security person-



ICF's Huggins (left) with the Fair Play Trophy his side won. The trophy was donated by Four Squares. Clarence D'Silva of Mahindra receiving the 'Most Promising Player' trophy from Mahindra's Director D. R. Sule

in the north was programmed to finish on the day of Mrs. Gandhi's visit to Kashmir so that the prize distribution could be held with her as the guest of honour.

The object of running that tournament was not so much to stake interest in the game in that part of the country as to pander to the whims of a couple of individuals. And the IHF, which frowned on the set-up of the tournament and warned intending participants against participation in such an 'unauthorised' contest, did a quick somersault to come out with its blessings for the said tournament within 48 hours of its grave proclamation!

Even before this could be done by the IHF the Bombay hockey authorities were informed of the pull-out by some of the army units from the Gold Cup after they had confirmed their entry. Prominent

Enquiries by the Bombay Association, I am told, brought the reply from IHF secretary Abel David that the IHF was virtually pressurised into accepting this position. It is difficult to visualise how this responsible body could succumb to pressure where principles are involved. Was this tournament in the north so important for the country at this juncture? Must a contest of the standing of the Bombay Gold Cup be allowed to suffer on account of such quixotic decisions of the IHF?

The decision was particularly unhelpful in view of the ban the IHF had already placed on the 35 probables, selected for the Patiala camp to select the national team for the Montreal Olympics, on their participation in open tournaments. For apart from precluding them the IHF, by their decision to let another tournament be run concur-

nel to check entry at the gates, that the takings would pick up from the quarter-final stage at least; but almost till the final the response was poor. The stands were not even quarter-full for the semi-finals and conditions did not improve very much for the twice-played final between Southern Railway and Mahindra & Mahindra. Either due to this or their preoccupation with the Tej Bahadur Tournament to be held in the latter half of April the BHA did not bring out a souvenir as was customary. Apparently, the Association seeks to make up their losses in that tournament but meanwhile they have succeeded in giving hockey followers the impression that they have cared less for the Gold Cup.

The fact that three of the four teams who figured in the semi-

finals of the Gold Cup series were units of the Railways tells its own tale regarding the nature of the contest. The three were: holders Western Railway (who have chosen not to renew their affiliation with the Bombay Association), Integral Coach Factory (Perambur) and Southern Railway. The last mentioned team won the trophy despite their tournament record being less impressive than that of Western or ICF. Not since Madras Engineering Group (Bangalore) won the Cup in 1962 has a team from southern India won the trophy. So full marks to the Southern Railway for their effort. They were the underdogs in the final against Mahindra, who had beaten ICF in the penultimate round and got past Eastern Railway in the quarters.

Eastern Railway were not a strong side; that Rohtas Singh, a speedy and resourceful forward, who had assisted Bengal in the National tournament in years gone by, was obliged to play as a centre-half indicated the brittleness of the side in defence. Rohtas could not sufficiently hold his ground down the middle. Added to this was the utter ineptitude of winger Ghosh. With such imbalance and lack of skill in the attack Eastern were foredoomed to failure.

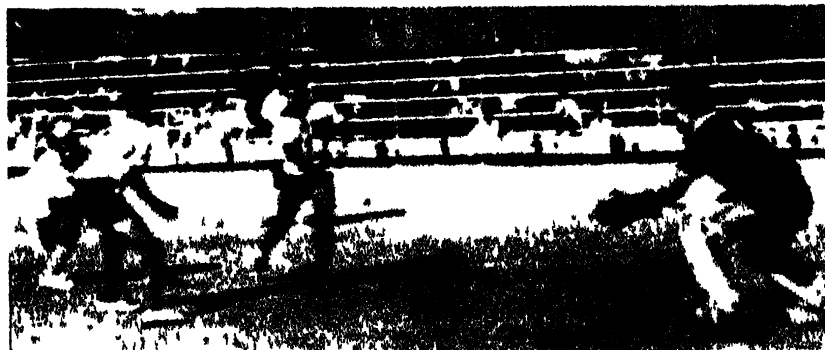
But then Mahindra's showing against ICF was not such as to reinforce the impression that they would be more fortunate than in the last year when they finished runners-up to Western. They got one penalty-corner goal, scored by Michael Saldanha in their first meeting and that sufficed to earn their passage to the final. The sum total of the two-day exchanges pointed to ICF being the better-equipped side and they were certainly unlucky not to have figured in the final. ICF's trapping of the ball was a joy to watch and their short-passing moves were clever.

To some extent they sacrificed their chances at the altar of experience, fielding veteran Ataulla at centre-half and Murugesha at left-back. Both are well past their prime but there was no doubt that they could even now teach a trick or two to the youthful player. The perfect calm they displayed when confronted with more than one attacker at a time and their well-directed clearances were a treat to watch but where speed was concerned the team suffered. Ataulla could not cover ground down the middle as much as he used to.

The biggest flaw in ICF's make-up was their lack of thrust in the attack. Rajagopal could raise a gallop on the right-wing occasionally and strike once in a way. But the rest of them, including opportunist Kumaravelu, were comparatively weak-kneed. Gunaseelan on



BHA president Luis Cordeiro receives the gold cup for the Tej Bahadur Invitation Tournament which starts in Bombay on April 10



ICF goalkeeper Huggins, who impressed with his polished goalkeeping, is poised to deal with a push by CRP's Mann Singh

the left-wing did not look a national grade player — he was a member of the Tamil Nadu team at Cuttack in the National last February.

Mahindra were the most balanced side of the semi-finalists but they put paid to their aspirations by shuffling their forward line in the last match, the replayed final against Southern Railway. Playing Simon D'Souza at centre-forward in place of Victor D'Souza and switching the latter to the wing were the worst moves made in a key match. Victor is not a brilliant attacker but his assets are speed and opportunism. And they have helped Mahindra a good deal. The coming of Simon led to sidelining Casmiro Dias, who had re-

gularly played as inside-forward this season.

The shuffled forward line failed to function as expected and with Southern Railway striking twice in as many minutes midway through the first session — wing-half Ramesh Iyer scored from a penalty-corner scrimmage first and centre-forward Habib deflected a good centre by Rajasekharan, who played his best game as an inside-forward in this match, soon after.

Southern had come through three earlier rounds by scoring just one goal in each of them — first against EME (Bhopal), then against Central Railway and later against Western Railway in the double-leg semi-final. And all those goals came from penalty-corner awards! Against EME they were lucky in that the Bhopal side failed to cash in on the golden chance of scoring from a stroke.

Mahindra fought back to make the score 2-1 through Victor D'Souza but that was as far as they could go. They had to rest content with the runner-up honours for the second successive year. Central Reserve Police (Nee-much), new-comers to this tournament, were as impressive as ICF, to whom they lost in the quarter-final after a very interesting tussle. They too revelled in the short-passing game. With greater

co-ordination in the attack, where centre-forward B S Mann was forced to play a lone hand for long, they should grow into a force to reckon with in our hockey.

Western Railway, for all their highly impressive record last season, were disjointed in attack. Tata, who should have defeated them by a handsome margin, went down by a narrow margin in the double-series of tie-breaker 'strokes'.

Western may have been handicapped to some extent by the injury suffered by their goalkeeper Satinder Pal Singh but Dharmai, who was their goalkeeper in the later games, and M. P. Singh, a substitute goalkeeper on the day of Satinder's injury, proved to be fairly competent.



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A football marathon

THE night the first meeting between East Bengal and Jagatjit Cotton Textiles Mills was abandoned after 33 minutes of play by referee Len D'Sa, an official and a player of the Calcutta club termed the Rovers Cup the marathon football tournament. They had arrived in Bombay on March 10 and the abandoned match was their third in 18 days. And they calculated they would have to stay almost a month if they were to reach the final and take the Cup. Their calculations are proving correct!

The Western India Football Association, after considering the referee's report, ordered a replay, which at first seemed unlikely to come off as East Bengal demanded that their opponents be scratched as they had refused to continue play. Later they relented and played again on Saturday last week. But the best crowd of the

season who paid Rs. 22,522 wished that the match had not come off. Or that extra time, as desired by the rivals, was played. So poor were the performances of two of the top teams of the country. From the trend of play it was clear that neither team would be able to put the ball in the net.

If there was one encouraging aspect of the match it was the display of Devinder Singh Parmar, the speedy and hard-shooting right winger of J.C.T. who filled in ably for suspended Jagir Singh at right stopper. Ashok Kumar was another good performer for them, while Shyam Thapa sparkled briefly in the second half for East Bengal.

The next day's quarter-final between Mohammedan Sporting and Orkay Mills was even more disappointing. It also ended goalless, though Dikpati and substitute Surinder Kumar for the Calcutta side



East Bengal goalkeeper Tarun Bose fists the ball away in the match against JCT Mills



JCT's Gurbachan Singh soars higher than Karmakar to head. Below: Bose brings off a fine save

and Inas Pereira, Arthur Pereira and Bernard Pereira for Orkay had chances to score.

Mafatlal Group and Leader Club defeated Central Bank and Mahindra and Mahindra, respectively, to qualify to meet each other in the semi-final in the upper half of the draw. Mafatlal, after an early hesitancy in defence, began to hold sway and Ratan Thapa's 43rd minute goal gave them a deserving victory. Mahindra were expected to put up a tough fight, but their attack floundered despite the fine play of John Alphonso on the left flank. Kultar Singh and Sunil Kumar got a brace each. But the star of the match was international Harjinder Singh.

—SW Correspondent

Friend turns foe

Special to SPORTSWEEK

IN a year that an established publication like SPORTSWORLD had ceased publication, the growing from strength to strength of a vernacular sports magazine is to be appreciated and encouraged. "Football Friend," a monthly in Malayalam, is now over eight years old.

It seems that the magazine's popularity in Kerala, one of the most sports conscious states in the country judging by the gate takings at the National Football, Volleyball, Basketball and Athletics in the last decade as also tournaments run in various districts of that state, has stung some people to the quick, though it is hard to understand why it should.

"Football Friend" and its editor, N. T. Karunakaran, a veteran footballer and past secretary of the Cannanore District Football Association, is not one to rub anyone on the wrong side. The magazine has been objective, rational and constructive.

Hence it pains one to learn that "Football Friend" has been denied the press ticket to cover the Sree Narayana Guru tournament now in progress at Cannanore. And the tournament is named after a saint who preached the uplift of the underprivileged and tolerance for all!

In protest against this action of the Cannanore DFA, it is understood 13 of the 16 papers or representatives of papers have boycotted the tournament.



NOW that it has been more or less proved that Indian cricketers can only shine in conditions that suit them, it has been decided that future teams will carry with them their own wickets, weather, etc. when they go on foreign tours

Leading Indian manufacturers of sports goods have already started preparing these items for our cricket teams.

The other day, I visited one of these sports goods manufacturers in Haryana and he very kindly showed me around his factory and gave me an idea of what they were doing.

"Everything here is according to the specifications of the cricket board and Mr. Wankhede," he said. "Of course, we are still in the experimental stage, but we are learning fast."

He showed me a small plastic box. "See this box," he said, "it contains the weather. The manager of the team will carry this with him and whenever the weather is against us, like too cold in New Zealand or too much rain in the West Indies, all he has to do is open this box and the weather will turn to Indian summer."

"Interesting," I said.

BUZZING AROUND

by BUSYBEE

"Yes," said the manufacturer "All the manager has to remember is to shake the box well before opening."

"What's this?" I asked, pointing to what looked like rolls of dust-coloured carpets.

"These are wickets," he said, "specially designed to suit Indian spinners and get Clive Lloyd out cheap. This one will suit Bedi, Prasanna and Chandrasekhar. And this one is when Venkatraghavan is included in the team in place of Prasanna."

"With wickets to suit our spinners, we can beat any team in the world," I said.

"The board is making arrangements with Air-India to carry the wickets at a special dis-

count," he said. "At a later date, each of our bowlers will be given his own special wicket, with his picture and autograph on it."

"I can see a glorious future ahead for Indian cricket," I said.

The manufacturer next showed me large tanks of water. "These tanks will be sent with the teams, to water the grounds," he said. "It has been found in the past that foreign water does not suit our players as it makes the wickets too green and the grass grow too fast."

"Will the manager have to water the wickets?" I asked, thinking how Polly Umrigar would take to this proposal.

"No, no," said the manufacturer. "Pasted on every water tank will be simple instructions to foreign groundsmen on how to water the wickets. Any child can follow them. The manager will only supervise the watering."

"All this," I said, "is very good. But what if we lose in spite of this?"

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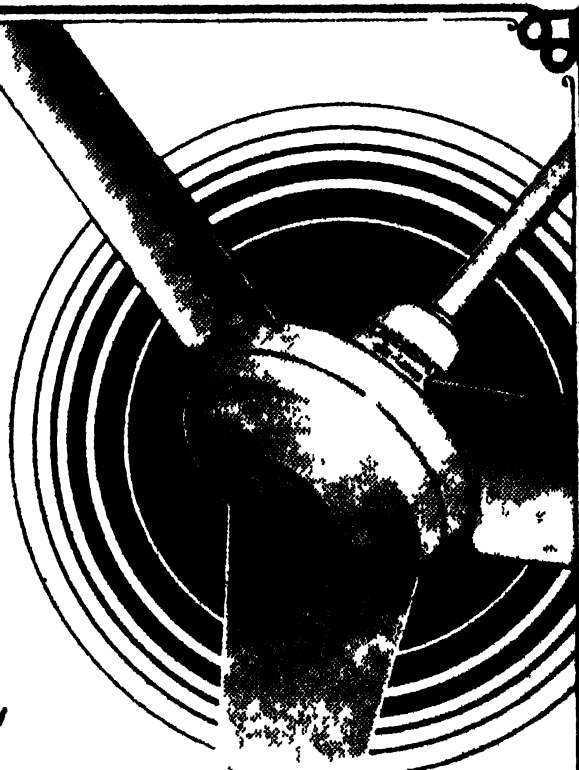


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Fast bowlers

INDIA'S performance in New Zealand and West Indies has been most disappointing. We have been harping on the question of 'fast bowlers' for many years now, but the results have been miserable. I am willing to contribute Rs. 10 from my pocket-money and donate it to some club or association which takes up this question of training fast bowlers seriously. Rs. 10 may be a small sum — but if hundreds of other cricket-lovers also contributed, Indian cricket could be strengthened immensely.

—Nathe Lal Gurger
(New Delhi)

Sunil Nagar

AFTER Sunil Gavaskar's third successive hundred at Port of Spain, I suggest that the place be renamed "Sunil Nagar".

—G V Shivadekar (Tirupati)

No Bombayman?

WHEN India fielded its team in the first Test at Barbados, there was only one player from Bombay in the side. In the past, there have been occasions when at least five to six players used to be from there. Would any reader please inform me whether India have ever played without a Bombay player in the side?

—Bhartendu Sood (Kota).

Indecent

IT is quite indecent of Busybee to have written about naming dogs after various cricketers. It is most unsporting. More surprising is the fact that a magazine like yours has thought it fit to publish such remarks. In future I trust that you will not publish such nonsense.

—Zac Daniel (Madurai).

BUSYBEE's piece on naming cricketers was hilarious. It seems to have become a fad now to name children after well-known cricketers. Thanks, Busybee for an amusing piece.

—G. N. Divekar (Thana).

Some FUNDamental advice

IT is pathetic to see various sportsmen struggling to earn a decent livelihood. Your idea of a fund is, therefore, most welcome. I would like to make the following suggestions in this connection: i) a surcharge of 5% should be levied on every ticket sold during the course of a tournament and the amount collected thereby to be put into this special fund. ii) There should be a similar surcharge on every advertisement published on the sports page of every daily and all ads published in souvenirs. I am confident that if the above is implemented, sufficient funds will be raised within a year.

—V. N. Kapoor (Lucknow).

I WAS shocked to learn of the sorry plight in which some of our past sportsmen have fallen. Isn't this clearly a case of neglect on the part of the various associations which they served in their hey-day? SPORTSWEEK's idea of starting a fund is excellent and you can be assured of my contribution when it does get going. However, I suggest that special matches should be held to swell this fund. The present practice of granting benefits to only a few favourites should be stopped forthwith and the proceeds of such matches should be put into the fund.

—Ravindra Bukkam (Goa)

IT is heartening that SPORTSWEEK has taken up the cause of the retired and neglected sports-

men. I suggest that since we have so many district-level associations in various sports, each such association should be compelled to take on a veteran Indian sportsman to coach the youngsters of the area. In return, such a veteran should be paid a reasonable honorarium. Besides, special matches should be arranged and the proceeds put into the proposed fund.

—A. D. Narasimhalu
(Bangalore).

REGARDING your very welcome scheme of giving pensions to retired sportsmen, I would suggest that the scheme should be based on a firm footing and not made to rest on the charity of well-wishers, so that the recipients get something more than token assistance.

SPORTSWEEK should initiate a dialogue with the various clubs and sports bodies covering all sports, and so arrange, that a certain percentage is annually earmarked for this purpose from the takings of these institutions and should also be set aside from the gate-money. Adequate pensions should be disbursed to the needy ones amongst all retiring sportsmen. The funds may also be made available for emergency medical aid. What the charitably inclined sports minded fraternity and industrial establishments contribute, should be additional.

—D. D. Dubash (Bombay).

Contradictory reports

I AM most confused over the contradictory reports from Trinidad during the second Test. I refer to the incident where Solkar and Patel both clashed whilst attempting to take a catch and in the process, Lloyd got a life. What confuses me is that over the radio, we heard that Patel had positioned himself for the catch, was right under the ball, ready to hold it when Solkar dashed in and made him spill it.

On the other hand, every newspaper report by men on the spot has indicated that it was Solkar who was waiting expectantly for the catch and that Patel dashed in to make a hash of things. One newspaper even headlined the story, "Test slips from Patel's hands." Tony Cozier writing in SPORTSWEEK (April 4, 1976) also blames Patel. Who is right in this matter?

—Dushyant Buch (Saurashtra).

Asia losing control

THOUGH Asia is the largest contingent in the world, it is losing its say in the affairs of world hockey. Only four nations—India, Pakistan, Malaysia and Japan — play the game seriously, whilst there are eight European nations active in international play. I would therefore urge the IHF to form an Asian body to hold an Asian Gold Cup every two years and to voice Asia's demand for greater representation on the world body.

—Iqbal Singh Saroya (Patiala).

Athletics complex

YOUR suggestion that the Bra-bourne Stadium should be converted into a full-fledged athletics complex should be taken seriously by the authorities. It will be the best contribution that CCI can make to Indian sport.

—R. Ahmed (Bombay).



by RAILBIRD

THE winds of change have at last reached such die hard traditionalists as the RWITC and their departure from accepted practice in the matter of entries for the two Extra Days, in aid of the Nehru Centre, with which the extended season will end is an indication, however small, that they are no longer content to drift on the momentum of over 100 years of existence and are aware of the changed times. Nothing could be more welcome.

For the first time in the history of Indian racing races have been named alphabetically and suitable names will be given to them at the acceptance stage. This is to ensure that the two trophies which have been allotted to the first day and the four which have been assigned to the second are not given to races which may be declared void because of an insufficiency of entries or to those which have a paucity of acceptors. Time marches on and the RWITC have fallen into step.

Does the agreement of reciprocity amongst the four Turf Authorities in the country exist on paper only? The strange case of one of Calcutta's leading jockeys Nelson Reuben suggests so.

Reuben rode Khazana in the 1,200 metres Juhu Plate in Bombay on March 16. In the course of the race he interfered very badly with Turf Bullet, nearly bringing that horse down. The Stewards had him up, took a serious view of the incident and decided, the following week, to suspend him for two race days.

Reuben pointed out that he had been engaged to ride Tradition, which is owned by M. S. S. M. Ramkrishna Rao, R. M. Goculdas, Sardar K. B. Ramahchandraraj Urs and Srikanta Datta Narashimaraja Wadiyar, in the Bangalore St. Leger on March 27 and if the suspension were immediately effective he would be unable to meet his engagement. The Stewards reconsidered the matter and decided that his suspension would apply to the race days to be held in Bombay on March 28 and 31, thereby

RWITC falls into step, at last

leaving him free to ride in Bangalore.

The Bangalore authorities took a different view of the suspension and decided that it was applicable to any two race days subsequent to the decision to suspend. They refused to accept the RWITC clearance and did not allow Reuben to ride either on March 26 or 27 and, in the result, that unfortunate rider was, in fact, stood down for four race days. Steps must be taken to ensure that there is no repetition of such an absurd situation.

Trainer R. R. Byramji is becoming to Bombay what Sam Hill was to Madras. He is so far ahead in the race that he is certain to be the champion for the sixth consecutive time when the current season ends and he has already surpassed his previous record of 41 winners (1971-72). True, successful trainers get better horses than the others, but even with the best material unless they are brought to winning condition and cleverly placed the maximum results cannot be had from their quality.

This Byramji does and his horses' paddock looks are as good as those of the late A. L. J. Talib used to be. Even the untrained

eye can spot them out at once. Byramji is now one winner shy of Talib's record for the Bombay season and he is sure to pass that figure and set a new record.

Ek Nazar's climb to the top has been as spectacular as it has been fully earned. The Asopo-Eiram colt won his fifth race of the season and his third in a row when he treated Class One company with contempt in the 1,800 metres Aga Khan's Spring Cup. It is pertinent to note that he started the season with a defeat by Shandaar in Class Three. His advancement has been more telling than that of Noble Son in Bangalore and Hayat Mohd., a workmanlike, though not brilliant schooler, must be highly commended for the results he has obtained from his charge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Goculdas and Mr. Mulraj D. Goculdas, the leading owners for the last two Bombay seasons, are in a position to complete a brilliant hat-trick and, as such, they will go all out to achieve that distinction. Accordingly, it will be prudent to follow Lapis Lazuli, Puffin, Amontillado and Aquamarine, all of whom carry their colours. The other horses to persist with are Grand Aura, Ideal Beauty and Hi Handsome.



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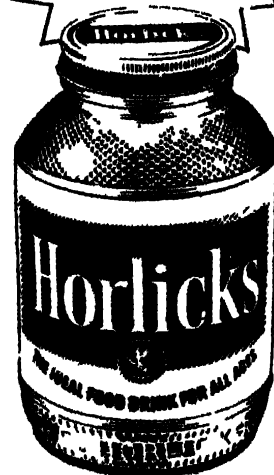


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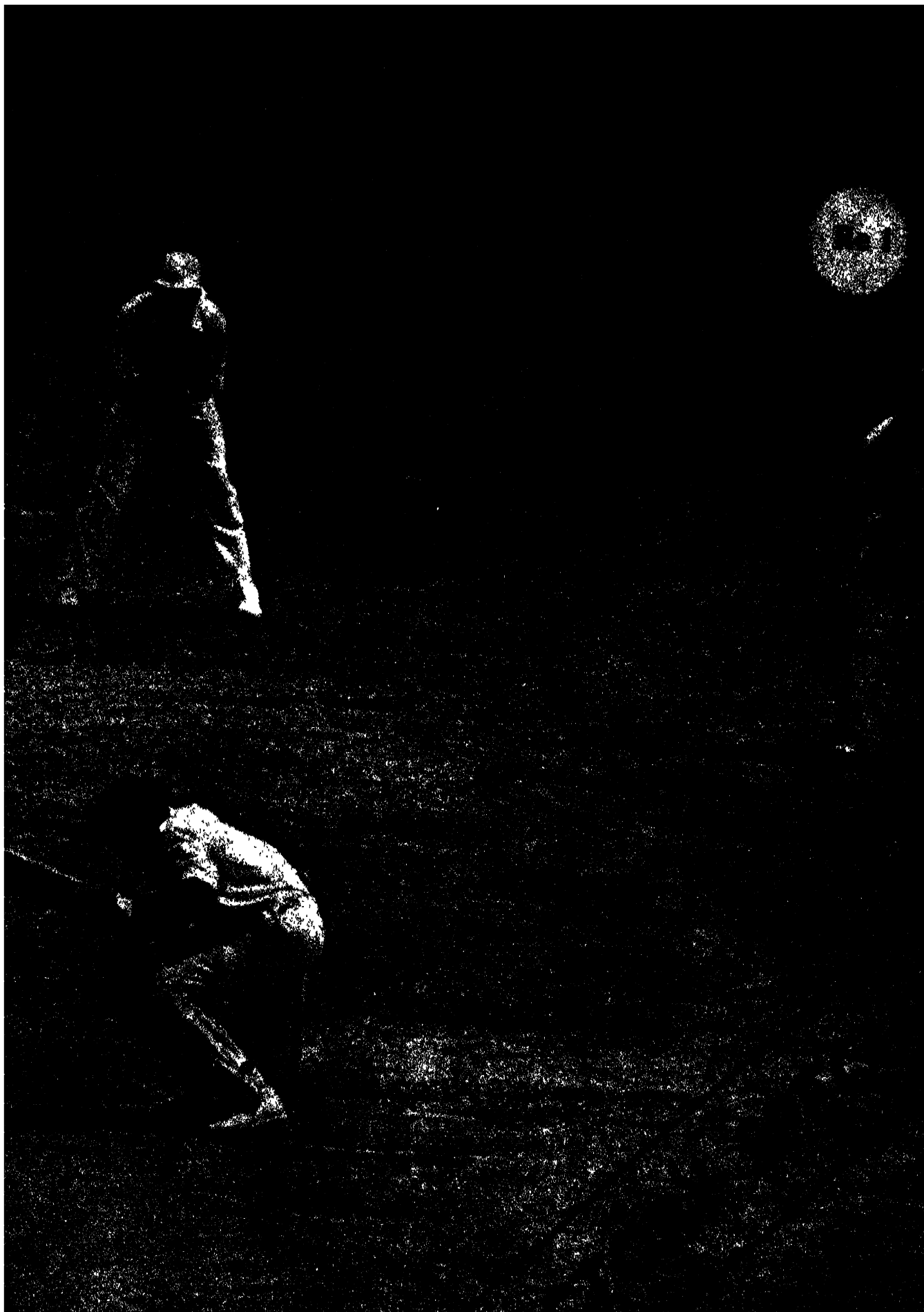


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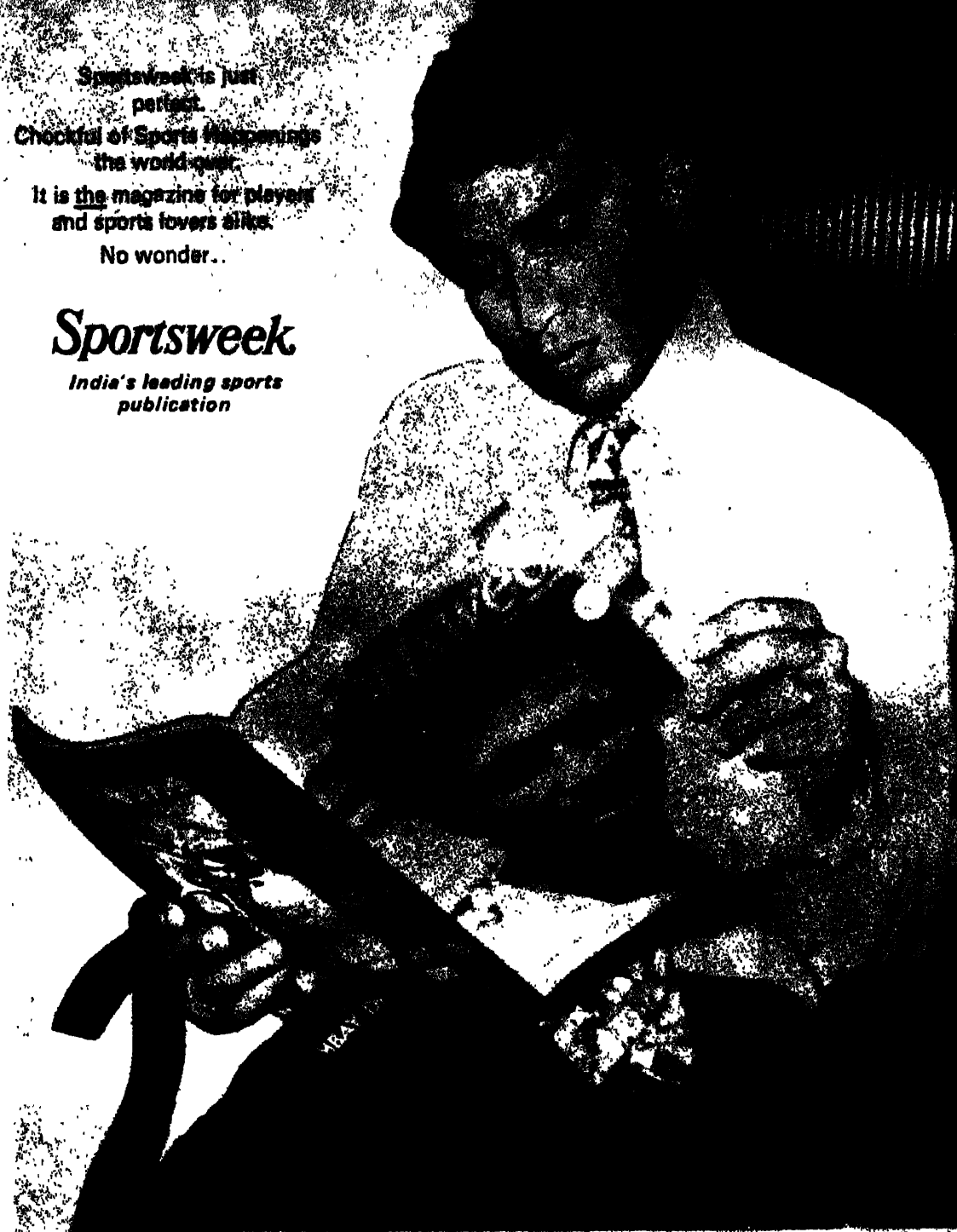
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KHALID ANSARI:

Victory, historic victory

VICTORY. Historic, glorious, memorable, euphoric, elusive. Victory, at last!

The misanthropes who condemn the bursting of crackers and the joyous dancing in the streets have failed to appreciate the manner in which this greatest of our, if not all, Test victories has been achieved.

In enabling our team to surpass in many ways the feat of Don Bradman's great 1948 side, Gavaskar, Viswanath, Patel and improvised No. 3 bat Mohinder Amarnath — who from this distance would appear to be the Man of the Match — not to forget makeshift opener Anshuman Gaekwad who gave the second Indian innings form and substance when figuring in a fighting 69-run opening partnership with Sunil Gavaskar, the highest on the twin-tour so far, our batsmen have demonstrated what they are capable of achieving, given discipline, dedication and determination.

Whereas cricket history bears ample testimony to the role played by our bowlers (in other words our spinners) in our victories, it is not very often that our batsmen have been so largely instrumental in winning a Test.

Bedi was absolutely on the mark when he said at the conclusion of the Port of Spain Test that our victory was the result of team work insofar as everyone in the side pulled his weight, but he was also being modest to the extent that he made no mention of his own bowling performance, as also that of Venkatraghavan and Chandrasekhar. Our fielding, too, rose to the occasion with Solkar taking three superb catches. But in the final analysis, it was our batting, derided by West Indian scribes and our own Jeremiahs as being the worst-ever to leave the country, which helped us snatch the momentous win over the "world champs" as the West Indies were termed, following their win in the Prudential Cup last year.

The victory has served to underscore, once again, the fact that our batting revolves around Gavaskar and Viswanath. In their capacity to succeed largely depends the fortunes of the Indian team. But in this Test, they were supported by stout-hearted displays from their junior colleagues to a much larger extent than in the second Test in which rain the spoilsport came between our team and what would have been an extremely well-deserved win.

Full marks, too, to manager Umrigar, who in his own right has been among India's greatest cricketers, for the big part played by him in our victory particularly in the matter of helping our batsmen cope with the rising delivery by making them practise on concrete pitches. The role of a

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PLUS REGULAR FEATURES

COVER Anshuman Gaekwad ducks out of the way of a bouncer during the first Test at Bridgetown. The non-striker is Viswanath, at slip is Kallicharran and Murray the 'keeper. Transparency: Literary Features (Caribbean) Ltd.

The cover of this week's issue suffers from two shortcomings. For one, the colour transparency received from the West Indies falls short of our standards, technically. Also, the posture adopted by Anshuman Gaekwad in the transparency is not truly representative of the brave exploits of our cricketers in the Test just concluded.

manager in a success of this nature is unfortunately often forgotten if not altogether overlooked.

Clive Lloyd who as captain has oftentimes betrayed susceptibility to pressure, has predictably come in for a great deal of criticism for setting India what is considered from hindsight an achievable target on a lifeless wicket in the absence of experienced bowlers, Roberts and Gibbs, the more so after his statement on the off-day that he planned to set India a target nothing short of 450 in the second innings.

The morale of our team can now only be at an all-time high. One does not know the thought-processes of the tour selection committee. But it would appear that the dictum of not disturbing a winning combination is the best course to adopt even though, in our opinion, the batting needs to be further strengthened for the six-day battle of attrition to commence at Sabina Park on April 21.

SUPER



Bedi

Mohinder



Gavaskar

Viswanath

WIN

PORT OF SPAIN:

WITH one of the greatest victories in the annals of Test cricket, India beat the West Indies by scoring 406 for four in the second innings in the third Test here and thus levelled the series at one-all with one match remaining. It was a resounding triumph which will compare with other great moments in India's chequered cricketing history.

When West Indies captain Clive Lloyd declared his second innings 55 minutes after lunch on the fourth day he challenged India to score 403 to win in a minimum of nine hours and 55 minutes — a daunting proposition which had only been achieved once previously in Test cricket and then by a team including the great Don Bradman.

India were convinced they could get the runs, planned their strategy with precision, and thanks to masterful centuries from Gavaskar and Viswanath and a wonderful supporting role by Mohinder Amarnath clinched their unforgettable victory with seven of the final mandatory overs remaining.

Few gave them a chance. Despite the fact that they had scored 402 for five declared in their only innings of the second Test at the same ground just two weeks earlier. They were not chasing a target then, and could take their time over the runs with little pressure. In their three other innings in the series — including their first here — they were dismissed cheaply.

As it turned out, Lloyd's declaration proved a serious underestimation of India's potential and a failure to assess how limited his own bowling would prove in the circumstances. It was one of the

most inexperienced bowling staff the West Indies had used in some years with an emphasis on spin and two of the spinners playing for the first time in Test cricket.

For India to win they needed substantial contributions from their two best and most experienced batsmen and Gavaskar and Viswanath filled the bill perfectly. Old-timers at Queen's Park Oval could not recall seeing two better knocks played in the same innings.

It was Gavaskar who laid the foundation with a sparkling display on the fourth afternoon and Viswanath who developed it into

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a winning position. All the while Mohinder Amarnath, with a mature and dedicated approach which belied his lack of experience, ensured that no wicket fell at the opposite end — a vital job.

Gavaskar has an eerie affection for the Queen's Park Oval. It was here that he scored 124 and 220 in the final Test in 1971 and here that he hit 156 in the second Test. He launched such an assault on the West Indian bowlers from the start of his innings that the initiative was immediately snatched from them. By the end of the fourth day he was undefeated with 86 out of a score of 134. By then it was clear that India's position was far from hopeless as had seemed the case earlier.

However, the feeling was that Gavaskar's protracted presence would be essential for India to win. When he was beaten through the air by left-arm spinner Juma-

deen after adding only 15, it was, everyone agreed, a decisive setback. His 102 was his eighth Test century, his sixth against the West Indies and his fourth on the ground lasting four hours five minutes in all.

He was replaced by Viswanath who had not enjoyed a particularly productive tour up till then and who was short of runs. He could not have chosen a more opportune time to find his touch. If anything, he batted even better than Gavaskar. He took some time to settle in and was occasionally troubled by Jumadeen. With Mohinder rigidly maintaining his position as sheet-anchor, the scoring rate appeared too slow. In the two hours between start and lunch only 63 were added and in the first hour after lunch, only 26. At this point, with the score 223 for 2, 180 were needed in a minimum three hours, exactly a run a minute and Lloyd claimed the second new ball.

It proved the turning point. Holding, devastating in the first innings, and Julien bowled so badly and Viswanath attacked so devastatingly that when Lloyd reintroduced his spinners, eight overs had cost 35 runs and Viswanath, having acquired the taste of blood, could no longer be checked.

In the hour between the taking of the new ball and tea, he scored 41 and by then India were 289 for 2, with 114 required in an hour plus the mandatory 20 overs. Impossibility had, almost in the twinkling of an eye, become distinct possibility.

Viswanath passed his fourth Test century and his first in the West Indies and only a misunderstanding with Mohinder cost him his wicket. His 112 stretching 3 hours

40 minutes included 15 fours the majority through the off-side including two superb, ferocious squarecuts off bowlers from Holding with the second new ball. His partnership with Mohinder added 150. And with only 67 needed off a possible 21 overs he walked back to a standing ovation from the crowd knowing that India were virtually home.

It would have been most fitting for Mohinder to be at the wicket when the winning run was struck, for he deserved the honour. Gavaskar and Viswanath will always be remembered for the brilliance of their batting in this match, but so will Mohinder for the considerable part he played.

Unfortunately, he was run out on Lloyd's direct hit of the bowlers' stumps when 85, with a mere 11 runs required. For seven hours, 20 minutes, he had defied every West Indian bowler. Both he and Viswanath had their luck. Amarnath dropped on a straight-forward caught and bowled by Imliaz Ali, the new leg-spinner when 35 and Viswanath mistumped off Padmore, the new off-spinner when 65.

But this was no more good fortune than they would expect in any normal innings. As Patel put the finishing touches of the match with a boisterous 49, a crowd of 9,000, the majority of East Indian descent and strongly supporting the visiting team, hailed a great victory.

India had made a phenomenal



Viv Richards . . . third and best century



Sunil Gavaskar . . . laid the foundation

recovery after being outplayed for much of the match. When the venue was shifted from Georgetown back to Port of Spain because of the flooded condition of the Bourda Oval, it seemed an important advantage for India who are usually favoured by the Queen's Park Oval's slow pitch.

When the West Indies, batting first after Lloyd won his first toes in eight Tests, lost three wickets for 52 to Chandrasekhar, India had secured an immediate advantage. However, a magnificent innings of 177 by Richards, his third and best century of the series and the support he received from Lloyd and Julien carried the West Indies to a respectable total.

Bedi's hour

Richards was 151 not out at the end of the first day when the West Indies appeared capable of reaching 400 without much bother. Bedi confined them to far less by scuttling the tail for the addition of only 39 runs. Chandrasekhar who took the first five wickets had 6 for 120 and Bedi 4 for 73 — 4 for 15 on the second day.

Holding, bowling at great speed despite the generally slow nature of the pitch, secured a first innings lead of 131 for the West Indies by taking 6 for 65 — his best figures in Test cricket. No Indian batsman handled him securely although Madan Lal with a top score of 42 once more played a valuable innings at number seven.

The West Indian openers, Rowe and Fredericks, woefully out of touch, were at pains to survive, far less press home their team's

advantage and it was not until Lloyd joined Kallicharran late on the third afternoon that the innings gathered some momentum.

Kallicharran, suffering from a bout of fibrositis in the right arm, took some time to find his touch but he registered his eighth Test century (41 hours, eight fours) just before Lloyd made the declaration. From that point it was India all the way — a truly remarkable performance and one deserving the highest commendation.



G. R. Viswanath . . . blazed the victory trail

Bouquets all the way

Mrs. Indira Gandhi: (in a cable to Polly Umrigar and Bishen Bedi) "Congratulations to you and your team on an exciting and well-earned victory."

Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed: (talking to newsmen at Bangalore Airport): "I am very happy to hear the news. I hope they will keep it up. This should give them sufficient courage for their future performances."

Sheikh Abdullah: "Well done boys. We are proud of you. The whole country shares your glory."

Ram Prakash Mehra: "This win has taken the stock of Indian cricket very high."

Ghulam Ahmed: "It is a memorable performance and I congratulate the captain and members of the team for this wonderful victory. I hope they will now do their very best in the final six-day Test at Jamaica."

Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi: "A superb victory which should give a tremendous boost to cricket in this country."

Nari Contractor: "I'm delighted. It is probably the greatest ever victory in Test cricket. However, with a slightly defensive, not negative, field placing at a time when the game was slipping away from him, skipper Lloyd could have made it harder for India to win."

Vijay Merchant: "Fantastic, unbelievable, out of this world."

Madhav Mantri: "This is the greatest-ever victory in the cricket world."

Rusi Modi: "The proudest moment in India's cricket history. Lloyd obviously went for a win but did not have the bowlers for the job; perhaps a third medium-pacer might have made a difference."



Flashback to 1971: jubilant Indian supporters waving a make-shift India flag cheer Dilip Sardesai after he reached his century at Port of Spain, where India recorded her first-ever win against the Windies

Bedi 'hopeful'—Lloyd 'didn't do well'

PORT OF SPAIN:

INDIA'S sensational six-wicket win over West Indies in the third Test had a splash treatment in Tuesday's newspapers in Trinidad.

The 'Trinidad Express' headlined a full page of pictures and commentary on the tense close stages: "India defy history and whip West Indies."

The 'Trinidad Guardian' front-paged a photo of Indian supporters storming the pitch as Brijesh Patel hit the winning boundary.

Indian captain Bishen Bedi praised his batsmen, while West

Indies skipper Clive Lloyd blamed his bowlers for the upset victory which saw India become only the second side in Test history to score over 400 runs in the second innings to win.

Bedi agreed that Lloyd's declaration, leaving India to make 403 runs for victory in 535 minutes was "a tall order."

"Once Sunil Gavaskar and Anshuman Gaekwad kept the scoreboard rolling we were hopeful of getting the runs," he said.

Bedi praised century makers Gavaskar and Viswanath and had a special word for Mohinder Amarnath, who batted for most of the

final day to get his 85 runs. "It was his knock that paved the way to our triumph," the Indian skipper said.

Lloyd defended his declaration with the West Indies 271 for six in the second innings on the fourth morning of the match. "I do not think my declaration was over generous, particularly on this wicket, but the bowlers just didn't do well enough," Lloyd said.

"They did not bowl a good line and gave away too many cheap runs. When Gavaskar was out I felt we had a chance to win the match, but the bowlers continued to bowl badly," Lloyd added.

Flashback to Leeds '48 & the Don...

♦ Don Bradman missed at 30, 59, 107, 108
♦ Arthur Morris missed at 32, 136

TEST VICTORY WAS FINEST EVER

LEEDS, Wednesday.—The greatest test-innings batting achievement in Test history brought Australia victory in the fourth Test—and won the Ashes outright. Australian captain Don Bradman (173 not out), who shared chief honors with Arthur Morris (182), ran from the field lough-



ONE CATCHER WIELD Compton takes a brilliant left-handed catch to dismiss Lindsay Hassett off his own bowling. Morris was 18 and the score 1 for 0

Newspaper headline acknowledging Australia's feat of scoring 404 for the loss of 3 wickets in their last innings to win the Fourth Test match.

WHEN Bradman's Invincibles accepted Norman Yardley's challenge to score 404 in 345 minutes to win at Leeds in July 1948, it was surprisingly enough the first instance since 1877 that a Test had been won against a de-

Since then, another famous match in March 1968 had also been won in similar fashion, when Gary Sobers invited England to make 215 in 165 minutes at Queen's Park Oval, the same ground where India achieved on April 12 a historic triumph. England too had won through with just three minutes to spare.

However, it is to Bradman's astonishing feat in steering Australia to the historic winning score of 400 plus in the fourth innings of a Test that memory flashes back in the light of India's great

victory under similar circumstances.

At close of play on the fourth day, England were exactly 400 ahead with two wickets left. Yardley batted for five minutes on the final day, for the express purpose of calling for the heavy roller to break up the wicket. The pitch was taking spin, the ball lifting and turning sharply.

Unfortunately, the selectors had blundered in leaving out slow left arm bowler Jack Young, and with only one genuine spinner in Jim Laker, who incidentally bowled rather erratically on the final day, Yardley had to fall back upon Denis Compton's left hand spin. He was the potential match-winner on such a pitch, and he began well enough, catching Lindsay Hassett off his own bowling at 57 for only 17. Compton bowled splendidly, baffling even the great Don.

But, on a wicket which simply screamed for a Doug Wright or a Verity at the other end, Hutton just opened the floodgates in four horrid overs which yielded 30 runs, including five full tosses, all despatched to the ropes. Dropped catches and missed stumpings filled England's cup of woe.

In half an hour before lunch, Arthur Morris and Bradman rattled up 64, and the pair added 301 for the second wicket before Morris was out for 182 in 290 minutes of exciting and at times awesome strokeplay. In all, 66 fours were hit in this history-making innings, 33 of them by Morris and 29 by Bradman, who remained 173 not out at the non-striker's end when Neil Harvey made the winning hit 15 minutes before the scheduled close.

—B B MAMA

Three memorable wins

Brief scores of our previous three triumphs against West Indies

At Port of Spain, 1971 WEST INDIES 214 (R Kanhai 37, C Davis 71 not out, G Sobers 29, G Shillingford 25, Abid Ali 2 for 54, Bedi 3 for 46, Prasanna 4 for 54) and 261 (R Fredericks 80, R Kanhai 27, C Davis 74 not out, Bedi 2 for 50, Venkatraghavan 5 for 95, Durrani 2 for 21) lost to INDIA 352 (A V Mankad 44, S Gavaskar 65, D N Sardesai 112, E D Solkar 55, S Abid Ali 20, Noreiga 9 for 95) and 125 for 3 (A V Mankad 29, S M Gavaskar 67 not out, S Abid Ali 21 not out, Barrett 3 for 43)

At Calcutta, 1974-75 INDIA 233 (F M Engineer 24, G R Viswanath 52, M A K Pataudi 36, A D Gaekwad 36, S Madan Lal 48, Roberts 5 for 50, Holder 2 for 48) and 316 (Engineer 61, Viswanath 139, K Ghavri 27, Roberts 3 for 88, Holder 3 for 61) beat WEST INDIES 240 (R C Fredericks 100, D L Murray 24, Madan Lal 4 for 22, Bedi 2 for 68) and 224 (A I Kalicharran 57, I V A Richards 47, C H Lloyd 28, Bedi 4 for 52, Chandrasekhar 3 for 66) by 85 runs.

At Madras, 1974-75 INDIA 190 (Viswanath 97 not out, Roberts 7 for 64, Julien 2 for 12) and 256 (Engineer 28, A D. Gaekwad 80,

Viswanath 46, Madan Lal 20, Ghavri 35; Roberts 5 for 57, Boyce 2 for 61) beat WEST INDIES 192 (Richards 50, Lloyd 39; Prasanna 5 for 70, Bedi 3 for 40) and 154 (Kalicharran 51, Prasanna 4 for 41, Bedi 3 for 29, Chandra 2 for 51) by 100 runs.

And another

ONE young heart must have been particularly proud of Mohinder Amarnath's fine batting performance. That young girl is Deepti Jhingran, a second year BA student in Lucknow and Mohinder's fiancée. According to Lala Amarnath, Mohinder's illustrious father, the wedding is expected to take place in the coming winter.

The drawn thriller

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Lawrence Rowe, West Indies opener, is bowled by Mohinder Amarnath in the first innings. Below: Wicketkeeper Kirmani misses an easy stumping chance and Vivian Richards gets a 'life.' The unlucky bowler was Venkatraghavan



INDIA'S TEST RECORD

	P	W	D	L
v England	48	6	20	22
v Australia	25	3	6	16
v West Indies	36	4	16	16
v Pakistan	15	2	12	1
v New Zealand	19	8	8	3
Total	143	23	62	58

v WEST INDIES

	P	W	D	L
1948-49 (In India)	5	0	4	1
1953 (In WI)	5	0	4	1
1958-59 (In India)	5	0	2	3
1962 (In WI)	5	0	0	5
1966-67 (In India)	3	0	1	2
1971 (In WI)	5	1	4	0
1974-75 (In India)	5	2	0	3
1976 (In WI)	3	1	1	1
Total	36	4	16	16



Gary Sobers congratulates Abid Ali as Sunil Gavaskar watches after India's 1971 triumph

Gavaskar tops 2000

WHEN Sunil Gavaskar scored his 47th run in the second innings of the third Test against West Indies, he completed 2,000 runs in Tests.

Gavaskar has now scored 2,055 runs in 23 Tests with his scores of 26 and 102 in the third Test.

Gavaskar, who holds the Indian record for the quickest 1,000 in Tests — in 11 Tests, 21 innings broke Vijay Hazare's record for the quickest 2,000 in Tests — 26 Tests, 43 innings. Gavaskar crossed the 2,000-run mark in his 23rd Test, 44th innings.

Gavaskar has scored eight centuries as follows: 220 v West Indies at Port of Spain, fifth Test, 2nd innings in 1971. 156 v West Indies at Port of Spain, second Test, 1976. 124 v West Indies at Port of Spain, fifth Test, first innings, 1971. 117 not out v West Indies at Bridgetown, 1971. 116 v West Indies at Georgetown, 1971. 116 v New Zealand at Auckland, 1976. 102 v West Indies at Port of Spain, third Test, 1976. 101 v England at Manchester, 1974.

Out of Gavaskar's eight centuries in Test cricket, four have been scored at Port of Spain.

	M	I	N	O	H	R	Avg.
1971 West Indies	4	8	3	220	774	154	80
1971 England	3	6	—	57	144	24	00
1972-73 England	5	10	1	69	224	24	88
1974 England	3	6	—	101	217	36	16
1974-75 West Indies	2	4	—	86	108	27	00
1976 New Zealand	3	5	1	116	266	66	50
1976 West Indies	3	5	—	156	322	64	40
Total	23	44	5	220	2055	52	69

—B. N. NAGARAJA RAO

Bedi's bag

WHEN Bishen Singh Bedi took four wickets in the West Indies first innings in the third Test at Port of Spain, he surpassed E. A. S. Prasanna's highest wicket tally of 163 in Tests.

Prasanna, with 11 for 140 in the Auckland Test in 1976, took his tally to 163 from 36 Tests, surpassing Vinoo Mankad's 162 from 44 Tests. Prasanna failed to get a wicket in the remaining two Tests against New Zealand and against West Indies at Bridgetown.

Bedi has now captured 166 wickets from 44 Tests. He also surpassed Subhash Gupte's tally of 49 wickets for 1,716 runs from 10 Tests against West Indies.

Following are Bedi's figures:

	T	R	W	Avg
v Australia	7	655	25	26.20
v England	14	1716	53	32.37
v New Zealand	9	801	35	22.88
v West Indies	14	1773	53	33.45

Total 44 4945 166 29.78

WEST INDIES v INDIA (Third Test)

Played at Port of Spain, Trinidad, April 7, 8, 10, 11, 12
Toss won by West Indies
India won by six wickets
Umpires Ralph Gesein and Vythala

WEST INDIES	
R C Fredericks c Amarnath b Chandra	27
L Rowe c Viswanath b Chandra	18
I V Richards c Chandra b Bedi	177
A J. Kallicharren b Chandra	0
C H Lloyd c Gekwad b Chandra	68
D L Murray b Chandra	11
B D Julien c Viswanath b Bedi	47
M Holding lbw Bedi	1
Intiaz Ali not out	1
A. Padmore c Gavaskar b Bedi	0
R. Jumadeen lbw Chandra	0
Extras	9

Total 359 (for 6 wkts decl) 271
Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-80, 3-82, 4-176, 5-227, 6-334, 7-357, 8-358, 9-358

Madan Lal 6-1-22-0, M. Amarnath 5-0-8-0, Solkar 2-0-40-0, Bedi 30-11-73-4, Chandrasekhar 32-2-6-120-0, Venkatraghavan 27-7-60-0, Madan Lal 11-2-14-0, M. Amarnath 11-3-19-0, Bedi 25-3-76-1, Chandrasekhar 27-6-82-2, Venkatraghavan 30-3-5-65-3.

INDIA	
S M Gavaskar lbw Holding	26
A D Gekwad c Murray b Julien	6
M Amarnath st Murray b Padmore	25
G R Viswanath b Intiaz Ali	41
E D Solkar b Holding	13
B Patel c Fredericks b Holding	29
S Madan Lal c Richards b Holding	42
S Venkatraghavan b Intiaz Ali	13
S Kirmani lbw Holding	12
S S Bedi b Holding	0
B S Chandrasekhar not out	0
Extras	21

Total 228 (for 4 wkts) 406
Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-50, 3-86, 4-112, 5-147, 6-182, 7-203, 8-225, 9-227

Bowling: Holding 26-4-3-65-6, Julien 21-4-82-0, Padmore 29-11-95-1, Intiaz Ali 17-7-37-2, Jumadeen 16-7-33-0, Julien 12-2-52-0, Holding 21-4-82-0, Padmore 47-19-88-0, Intiaz Ali 17-3-52-0, Jumadeen 41-10-70-2, Fredericks 2-1-1-0, Lloyd 6-1-22-0.

Why another gold cup?

THE Sir Guru Teghbahadur Memorial Gold Cup Hockey tournament which has drawn 20 teams, half of whom are outstation, started last week at the Bombay Hockey Association ground. Teams like Punjab Police, Northern Railway and Border Security Force, who did not participate in the Gold Cup held in March, are to play in this new contest and that will make it more attractive.

It is believed that special efforts will be made by the gentlemen who were keen on promoting this tourney to spread the word through the various 'gurdwaras' that the success of the venture needs to be ensured by largescale attendance at the BHA ground.

The Cup donated is worth Rs 40,000, it is claimed; it is a silver urn with gold coating. It is as attractive as the Gold Cup presented by Morarji Desai, the then Chief Minister of Bombay Desai's 'Hem Chashak' cost about Rs 10,000 some 20 years ago.

All this sounds well. The BHA, having suffered a loss in the earlier series, will get another chance to end the season with some profits. Every controlling organisation of sport needs to have a good bank balance to be able to formulate and carry out schemes to improve the conditions for and the standard of the game. But a pertinent question is: Is there room for a third tournament that could be run on as ambitious a scale as the time-honoured Aga Khan and the Gold Cup?

Any dispassionate discussion on

by PAT SARTE

this question will have to take into consideration the major factor that regardless of the programme to be chalked out for staging the open tournaments in this country next season by the Indian Hockey Federation all the three tournaments will be drawing almost the same teams, particularly those of the top-bracket. And these three contests will be held within a period of four months or even less, say, between February and May.

This accords to the pattern of circuses held in the city during the winter months, with little variation in the pattern and content of entertainment. Naturally, this will tend to upset the economy of one contest. It is unreasonable to expect the patronage of hockey lovers for all three contests in equal measure, especially since the fare being offered is hardly different.

So, in effect, the introduction of the third tournament will mean either a gradual erosion of interest in the Bombay Gold Cup and the Aga Khan or more difficulty in sustaining support for the new one over the years.

Let us view this in the context of the trophies instituted before. There was the M K Rao Trophy invitation tournament before the Gold Cup came in. It was the prize show of the BHA. M K Rao was the treasurer of the BHA. The tournament is dead and no one seems to know what has happened to the beautiful trophy. So is the

case with the Bhiwandiwalla Cup, the Zetopak Trophy, and even the Rene Frank Trophy, though, of course, they have not suffered as bad a fate as that of M. K. Rao.

Would it not have been, therefore, more advantageous and meaningful where the growth and improvement of the game are concerned had those interested in keeping the memory of the great Sikh savant alive donated the sum spent in making the Gold Cup for purposes which would stake greater interest in the game among the school and college boys?

The standard of collegiate hockey is awfully low, in fact, it is the schoolboys who have given better displays during the last few seasons. Here again the institution of the Charanjit Rai Cup provides the correct line of reasoning, which is, that the mere holding of the tournament annually does not by itself help the cause that is sought to be served in instituting such contests.

It must be something more tangible, e.g. employing half a dozen coaches, who have the interest of the game at heart, who would operate regionwise in the city and pick up talent to mould it on desirable lines.

You may not get the name of Guru Teghbahadur headlined in the papers for it means much silent work in the cause of the game but it will be more fitting a memorial if later it is discovered that this fund had helped considerably in restoring the arts and graces of this great game.

SPORTSWEEK'S

spot - the - ball

contest . . . I

Thank you, readers. The response to SPORTS WEEK'S spot-the-ball contest was overwhelming. As many as 10,726 entries were received, but only five were able to hit the spot.

They are: Shri Samir Katdare, Chembur, Bombay-74, Shri Md. M. A. Shaikh, Parel, Bombay-12, Shri Shaikh Nan Kau, Poore Bodhi, U.P., Shri S. A. Chaware, Karanjabad-444105 and Shri Surjit Singh Hira, Ludhiana. The five share equally the total prize money of Rs 175/- and get Rs 35/- each. The prizes will be despatched to the winners within three weeks.

There were hundreds of entries which came very near the spot. To them we wish better luck next time.

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TIPS TO YOUNG CRICKETERS — 15

THERE are fundamental jobs to be done in all fielding positions and every cricketer should learn them. Never forget that fielding is one of the three basic skills in the game, and that to become a finished cricketer you have to be adept at all types of fielding. Even those who specialise in, say, slips, cover or boundary fielding are likely to have to field elsewhere occasionally.

Those with a talent for one position usually get to field in that place most of the time, but if they are to be of real value to their side, they cannot ignore other aspects of fielding. I have done the bulk of my fielding for Victoria and Australia in the slips and gully, but I have also frequently had to go into the covers when the need for several slips to support pace bowlers has disappeared and the spinners started to operate.

The first consideration of the young cricketer in the field should be to acquire a sound positional sense — to learn what he must do anywhere in the field. For example, in the covers your role is to prevent quick singles and to move smartly to the ball all the time, looking for run-outs. At fine

FIELDING

leg, you can — by remaining alert — stop singles turning into twos.

Concentrate in the field. Try not to think of fielding as a dreary, inactive part of the game. Some fieldsmen such as South African Colin Bland and Australian Neil Harvey made fielding an art as spectacular as big hitting or bowling the stumps down. Pay attention to your captain, who may want to move you a few yards without the batsmen's knowledge. Apply yourself wholeheartedly to the team's plans for removing certain batsmen.

If you are placed in an unusual position, mark it in some way, for one of the cardinal sins in fielding is to wander from your position. It is important for even the most prolific batsmen to field efficiently as matches can be decided by a single moment's lapse in concentration.

Skilful fielding and the ability to field well for extended periods stems from a bright, positive mental approach which is only possible if you are physically fit for the task. If you cannot chase two or three shots in succession to the boundary without gasping for breath, you are a liability to your team. In matches where say, fifty runs separate the two sides at the

end of four innings, it is often possible to pin point fielding mistakes which cost those fifty runs.

Above all, constantly keep in mind the effect efficient, energetic fielding will have on your bowlers. It gives them a tremendous lift even on the most unresponsive wickets if they know every fieldman is on the job. Smart fielding calls for getting off the mark quickly, for quick bending to reach the ball, and a sense of balance which enables you to pick up and throw the ball accurately. If you are slow and awkward in any of these basic skills, make a point of practising them whenever you go to the nets.

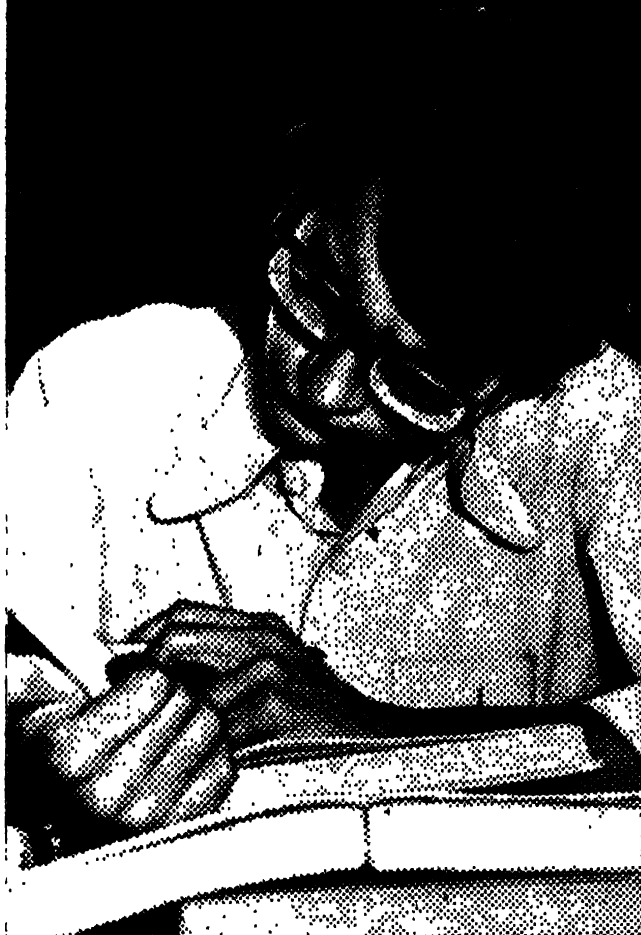
Whatever your position in the field, remember you must be on the move in all but those positions which require sharp catching skill. Make it a habit to move in towards the batsman as your bowlers make their approach runs, not so fast that you cannot change direction promptly, but fast enough to be able to swoop on the ball and save a run, or to try for a run-out. It is a sound idea to keep thinking that every ball will be hit towards you.

Bob Cowper in Cricket—
the Australian Way
(to be continued)



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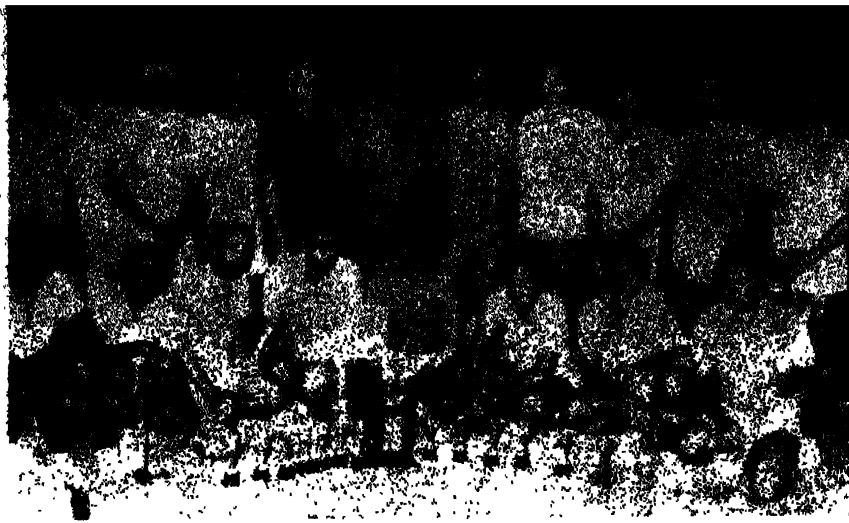
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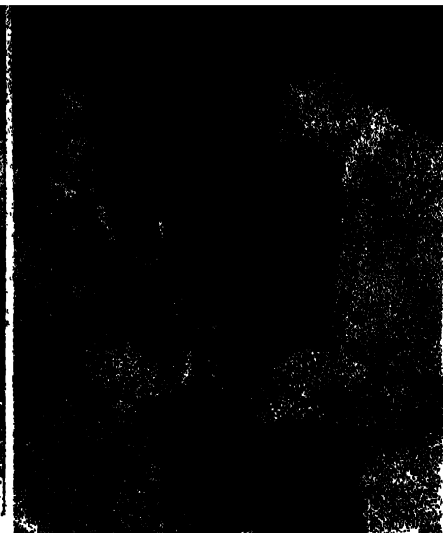
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Indian Airlines, Delhi, won the airlines' hockey tournament. The team is seen with M.A.M. Ramaswamy and I.A. Regional Director Braganza



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AROUND THE COUNTRY

The Thailand women's football team will tour India next month and play 10 matches. Thailand are Asian runners-up



The Rajasthan Polo Club organised an elephant polo match between the Rumbiers and Cavaliers which ended in a 1-1 draw. The match attracted a crowd of 60,000. Each team had three players on elephants and a mahout for each

Rex Norris, one of India's most illustrious hockey sons, represented India at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games. Norris was a great player — but, in later years, he turned out to be an even greater coach. The worst misfortune was that his services were never required in his own country — but Norris was welcomed in countries like Holland, Italy and Mexico. The Norrises, now settled in England, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Norris—coach supreme

BRAIN DRAIN. The two words embody a phenomenon which has engaged public attention only in recent times. The phenomenon itself, however, is by no means recent. And of all the great minds and sincere workers lost to this country, there is one that every Indian sportsman has cause to rue: Rex Norris.

Norris was not a happy man when he was compelled to take up coaching assignments abroad. He would much rather have served his own country, but as N. Leontzini, the then Sports Editor of 'The Times of India' wrote in his popular column, 'Bori Bunder Gossip': "Just as a prophet is not without honour, save in his own country and in his own house, the immense value of India's greatest hockey coach, quite obviously, is appreciated wherever our national game has a following, with the exception of the country which has the privilege of claiming him as one of her illustrious sons."

"Rex Norris," Leontzini continued, "has no superior in his mastery of the mechanics and tactics of hockey and his ability to impart his profound knowledge and skill

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effectively to others, but his recent departure . . . served to emphasise how the persistent neglect of his matchless services by his own country makes it necessary for him to seek his fortune abroad."

Norris may indeed have made that fortune, but one thing's certain — he gave to the game far more than he ever got out of it. His initial coaching stint in Holland was so successful that he was later called to Italy, Mexico and again to Holland for a second spell. Norris revolutionised hockey coaching, laying great stress on physical conditioning, which he felt was the seed from which good hockey sprouted — and, mind you, Norris advocated this approach a full 20 years before the idea even struck those who guide the hockey affairs of this country!

Rarely, if ever, in the long sporting history of this country, has any family matched the long list of achievements of the famed Norris clan — four of whom were India internationals Rex donned India's hockey colours at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics; son Ronald fought his way into the 1952 Helsinki Olympics boxing ring; daughters Philomena and Wendy took after their father and excelled in the sport he loved—Philomena toured England and Amsterdam with the Indian women's hockey team in 1953 and Wendy accompanied the squad to Australia three years later.

Rex first turned out for the Jabalpure European Institute, a strong local side that almost made it a habit of winning the two most prestigious Jabalpur tournaments — the C. P. Baddruddin and the Choka. Later, they ventured to the distant fields of the Bombay Gymkhana for the Aga Khan, when they created a good impression in all their outings in 1921, '22 and '24 — winning the cherished cup on each occasion. It was the superb form that young Rex showed in these tournaments that finally won him a berth in the great Indian side of 1928.

There is an intriguing story about the final of the Gwalior Gold Cup tournament in 1923. The Pa-



Internationals all . . . four of the Norris clan who donned India colours — 'Papa' Rex (hockey), son Ronald (boxing) and daughters Philomena and Wendy (hockey). Top: Norris during one of his coaching stints in Italy

tiala Tigers opposed Norris' Jabalpur outfit, and were so strongly fancied that the committee ordered a costly garland of gold thread and actually made the Patiala captain, the brother of the former Maharaja of Patiala, wear it before the commencement of the match. Undeterred by this, however, the dauntless Jabalpur side won 2-0 — and that same garland ultimately went to Norris who prizes it as one of his treasures even today.

Perhaps Norris' greatest moment off the playing field came when the International Hockey Federation, in November 1957, made him the world's first-ever 'qualified trainer.'

Norris was immensely popular wherever he went . . . but his popularity was not of the cheap sort that is easily acquired by pandering to local interests, even if these be wrong. Norris, on the other hand, came to be regarded as 'the greatest-ever hockey coach' because he produced results — and these results were cold facts that couldn't be disputed. It is not recorded whether the World Cup-winning Dutch team which beat India at Amsterdam in 1973 had any of the Norris-trained lads — but there are many who reckon that there must have been more than a handful of them! Fate provides its own ironies, doesn't it?

Norris received accolades in every place he coached . . . except, of course, in his own land. As

Leontini noted on August 14th, 1957, "Indubitably, he would have preferred to lavish the benefit of his experience and skill on the budding stalwarts of this country, where he has lived all his life, but a blatant denial of opportunities to him have compelled him to look elsewhere for a living . . ."

Perhaps one of the finest tributes to Norris came from Melville de Mellow who, in his book, 'Story of the Olympics,' noted, "No one has done more to spread the gospel of scientific Indian hockey than Rex Norris, an Anglo-Indian who was the backbone of the Indian hockey team at the 1928 Amsterdam Games, the team that won the gold with the grand total of 29 goals scored in the tournament and none against . . . Many European teams owe their newly-found hockey expertise to this dedicated sportsman."

That dedicated gentleman has now settled down to a quiet life with his wife Mabel in Southall, Middlesex. Last February, the Norrises celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. And as 'Uncle Rex' — as he was known to most of the little kids he coached with such single-minded devotion — looked back over the years at the grand golden jubilee celebration function, there was so much that he could be proud of — not the least of it all being his six sons and six daughters, 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren!



Two of India's greatest hockey sons . . . Rex Norris with Leslie Claudius (right)

Q WHY did India fail to clinch the second Test against the West Indies?

—Naresh Sasani (Bombay-25).

A THEY needed a little bit of luck. More important, they needed a little more shrewd leadership.

Q WHO is the first Indian to score a century against the West Indies?

—Ajay Kumar Khemka (Raipur).

A THE distinction was claimed by Hemu Adhikari. He scored 114 not out in the first-ever Test between the countries at New Delhi in 1948.

Q WHAT is the difference between opening batsmen and middle-order batsmen?

—K. G. Raghavendran (Bangalore).

A OPENERS are more born than made. They must have the technique to negotiate the moving ball and the temperament to withstand the pressures at the start of an innings.

QUESTION BOX

Q WILL Gary Sobers play again in Test matches?

—K. Bala Raju (Kurnool).

A VERY doubtful.

Q WHO is the best batsman among the following: Farokh Engineer, Alan Knott, Deryck Murray and Rodney Marsh?

—Vinay Takwale and Tanay Patil (Poona-5).

A MY vote will go to Murray for his consistent performances against Thomson, Lillee & co. in the West Indies' last series in Australia.

Q IS it a rule that Test matches should be played only on turf wickets?

—J. Ganesh Kumar (Agra Cantt.).

A IT has now become the accepted practice.

Q WILL the artificial turf affect the chances of India's hockey team at the Montreal Olympics?

—Shamsher Singh (New Delhi).

A IT can — at least psychologically if not physically.

Q WHAT are the highest Test scores of Lala Amarnath and Pankaj Roy?

—Sushil and Sanjay (Kalinpong).

A LALA AMARNATH'S highest is 118 against England in the first Test at Bombay in 1933-34. Roy's is 173 versus New Zealand in the fifth Test at Madras in 1955-56.

Q HOW long will the Rovers Cup football tournament drag on?

—Percy Gomes (Bombay).

A EVEN Ziauddin may not be able to give a clear answer. However, it is bound to end one day — may be before the year is out.

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Hail King Rudy, Queen Gillian

A NATION of badminton champions. That is Indonesia. It is now well over a decade since that country climbed to the top of the world badminton ladder; and ever since, it has held its position as the world's premier badminton nation.

Other countries like Malaysia, Thailand, Denmark have, at one time or another, produced world-beating players, but no nation has so consistently produced crop after crop of calibre players as Indonesia has. For every champion on the downgrade, there are three would-be champions waiting in the wings to take over at a moment's notice.

The man to take Indonesia to the top of the world rankings was the incomparable Rudy Hartono. Before his time, Malaysia, Thailand and Denmark had produced players like Eddie Choong, Wong Peng Soon, Tan Aik Huang and Erland Kops, all of whom had runs as the world shuttle kings. Kops had enjoyed the greatest and longest reign, winning the men's singles title at the All-England Championships (considered the Wimbledon of badminton) seven times over a ten-year period.

Hartono equalled that record in 1974, when he won the All-England title for the seventh time. His feat was even more laudable than Kops' because it was achieved in successive years. When he crashed into the final in 1975 as well, the world held its breath, anticipating a new world record.

But it was not to be. An inspired Svend Pri threw everything he had into that match, and achieved a cherished ambition — that of winning the world title, preferably at the expense of his tormentor for four years, Hartono!

Hartono had to wait only a year before he achieved his goal. 1976 saw the old record of seven wins being left by the wayside as Hartono strode majestically to the title, giving a sound whipping to Liem Swie King, the youngster who barely six months earlier had captured the so-called 'official' world title. (As in tennis, whether there be a Masters' Tournament or an ATP Championship, Wimbledon retains its glamour, so also in badminton, no tournament can hope to replace the All-England if only for the sheer weight of nearly a hundred years' history behind it!)

However, Hartono's progress in this year's All-England was not achieved with quite the same authority of old. He almost didn't



Gillian Gilks

make it to the final. In the penultimate round, Denmark's Fleming Delfs very nearly put him out. It was only the champion's spirit and experience that enabled Hartono to pull the chestnuts out of the fire. After that, victory over King was no problem at all, though the latter managed to get more points than any of the finalists that Hartono had massacred in his first six All-England finals!

To Indonesia went the honour of putting two players in the men's singles final—something they have achieved three times before—when Darmadi, Muljadi and Christian Hadinata each played the great Hartono. For the last three years, the country has been dominating the men's doubles events as well, with two all-time great combinations like Tjun Tjun-Johann Wahjudi and Christian-Ade Chandra making the final a family affair.

Darmadi has retired, Muljadi has called it a day. He Sumirat, who won the Asian title, has made a comeback from the absolute wilderness. The 20-year-old Liem Swie King is there to take over Hartono's mantle.

Then there are the Nunungs and the Amril Nurmans training four and five hours a day, waiting for their turn. . . Yes; there is no doubt at all that Indonesia is the world's mightiest badminton nation.

Gillian Gilks, the leggy Sussex housewife, became the official queen of badminton when she took the All-England women's title, plus the doubles and mixed.

Judy Hashman, who as Judy



Rudy Hartono

Devlin carried off the singles title in 1954 and 1960, confessed after watching the 11-0, 11-3 destruction of Maggie Lockwood: "I could never have lived with the pace Gillian set."

Months of dedication brought the satisfaction of becoming the first woman to achieve a clean sweep since 1952. And the singles victory was all the sweeter for having been beaten twice by Mrs. Lockwood in previous finals.

Hartono had no sooner claimed his eighth championship — the record — than he was explaining why his pursuit of the shuttlecock was over.

"Since I was a boy I've been playing badminton. I wanted this record badly, but at the same time I have begun to believe that there are other things in life.

"You can become too obsessed with a sport. I have to make something more of my life, and it is true that there are a lot of good young boys in Indonesia who should now be given their chance.

"I have had a good run. Now it's time to go."

Hartono's superb championship form was all the more impressive in that it was accomplished on a badly blistered right foot.

"When you get to a final you can play through any sort of pain," said Hartono after demolishing fellow Indonesian Liem Swie King.

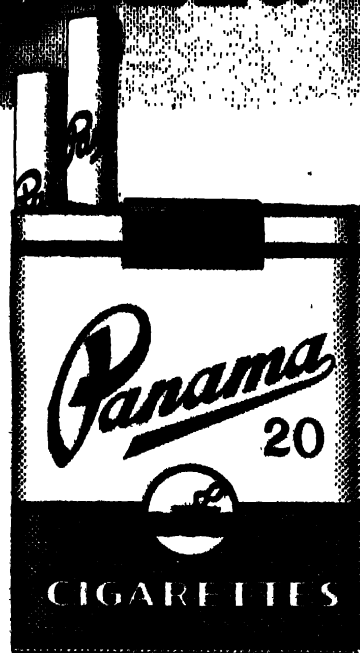
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Thomson true pro

THE Royal Calcutta Golf Club bustled with activity during the four-day Indian Open Championship, especially on that hot and humid Sunday when the leading contenders teed-off. Those who betted on 46-year-old Peter Thomson, winner of the inaugural Indian Open at Delhi in 1964 and again at the same venue in 1966, were the happiest.

The Australian played like a true professional. He was content with recapturing the title on a really difficult course which he helped redesign. Many said jokingly that Thomson had changed the course to suit himself. And after winning the seventh leg, collecting \$3,200 with a four-round aggregate of 4-under-par 288, the Aussie was thinking of making a couple of changes in the course — to make it play slightly easier.

After the third round, lanky Martin Bohan and Don Klenk, both of the United States, and Brian Jones of Australia, the 1972 champ, were tied for first place with aggregates of 216. Michael Ferguson of Australia was just a stroke behind the trio. Behind him were such formidable players as Peter Thomson, T. Torisawa and M. Sato of Japan, Burma's Mya Aye and Filipino Ben Arda. Reigning champion Aussie Ted Ball and the Taiwanese Hsu Sheng-san were trailing them by a stroke.

The eleven contenders within sight of the Indian prize money were the last ones to tee-off on the final day. In all, nine golfers returned sub-par scores. Hsu Sheng-san had given a very good account of himself at the turn where he was two-under 34. He parred the first two holes and scored three successive birdies but before going out he was one-over on the 9th. He came in with a par on card of 37. His performance in the latter nine was a birdie each on the 10th and 16th but was two over on the 'tough' 13th and 17th to finish two-under-par 71, sharing third position with an aggregate of 290. Mya Aye and Sato brought in one over-par each.

Bohan teed-off with Aussies Thomson and Ferguson. Thomson started with a birdie and his fellow-countryman Ferguson was one over while Bohan was par. Ferguson could have gone out with a par on card had it not been for poor putting. Thomson and Ben Arda were at par at the turn. The lanky American was steady in the first nine and went out with one-under after scoring two straight birdies on the 3rd and 4th and one-over on the 7th. Ted Ball was one-under at the turn while his compatriot Brian

Jones was two-over 38. Jones had faltered on the very first hole where he was two-over after his ball landed in the tank.

In the second nine Bohan, after paring the first three holes, began to lose concentration as Thomson, the five times British Open champ, was gradually picking up, getting a birdie on the 11th, to be at par with the American. Bohan, thereafter, made some bad putts and was two-over by the 14th but birdied the next hole and finished the round with two-over-par 75. Thomson continued to fight back to stay in the lead with a cool, detached pro style, scoring two more birdies on the 14th and 15th to finish the round with three-under-par 70.

Ferguson was steady and came in with a par 37 and Ted Ball parred the other nine to bring in one-under-par 72. Brian Jones played consistently on the return with birdies on the two long holes and pars on the others to claim the runner-up prize money of \$2,100 after finishing a stroke behind the champ.

Jones might have extended the round to the sudden-death with Thomson had his drive on the 18th not landed in the pimples. His excellent approach shot found the ball about 30 feet from the pin. The huge crowd that gathered waited anxiously to see what Jones did, but his ball sailed smoothly over the pin and stopped three inches away. As for the third day's leader Klenk, it was all over on the return. He cracked up and finished with seven-over, sliding down to 12th position.

Circuit leader Ben Arda never took chances when he came in and parred the nine to share the third cash award of \$1,167 each with Ted Ball, Bohan and Ferguson — all finishing with 291. Sato and Mya Aye claimed the 8th and 9th places, respectively.

The Open was a grand success on the whole, but there was an incident of a kind that had never happened in this leg. Walter Godfrey of New Zealand was disqualified from the championship, because in the first round on the 16th hole he had jettied down 4 when it should have been 5. The incident was detected on the second day and the committee disqualified him on a breach of stroke play rule 38.

But the brightest part in the championship was a fantastic score fired by Japanese Torisawa. His seven-under-par 66 on a difficult newly-laid course is a record — which will be quite hard to break. This score had brought back the



Peter Thomson . . . Indian Open golf champ

Japanese into the reckoning on the third day. His scores in the first two rounds had just saved him from the 'cut-off' — which took place after the completion of two rounds.

Jamshed won the first place among the Indian pros, although he brought in a poor \$1 on the last day and Rohas claimed the second place, two strokes behind. Another Calcutta caddy, Tollygunge Club's S. Sarkar, was third. Jamshed had earlier won the tournament for Indian pros and caddies, collecting Rs. 1,000. He also won the Rs. 1,000 Leslie Sawhny Memorial Prize for the best score in the tourney and a challenge cup.

Alan Singh claimed the amateur prize, though his local colleague, Gangesh Khaitan, finished on 300 with him. The Indian amateur champ won as he had two birdies. Gangesh had a good chance of winning, but missed a very short putt on the last hole. Aussie Grady picked up the third prize.

The day before the Indian Open, the \$1,400 Pro-Am Tournament was held. In this 18-hole four-ball better-ball stroke play competition, Delhi's Vicky Singh and his partner, Taiwan's Hsu Chi-san, won with a combined score of 65 nett. A stroke behind them was Calcutta's Lawrence Fownes and Japan's Maejima, while young Manjit Singh of Calcutta and B. Betley of the United States with 66 nett finished third.

The best individual prize of \$150 was taken by Taiwanese Hung Fa, who played badly in the Open when he fired a five-under-par 68. Ben Arda and Yokoshima shared the second place with three-under-par.

—SUBHASH SARCAR



I've done it, says Peter Thomson, who won the Indian Open Golf Championships through a cool, calculated rearguard action



Martin Bohen but





brates hard before a putt,
often off line



INDIAN OPEN GOLF

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T. Torisawa fired a fantastic score to set up a
record on the new course

ian Jones, the
inner-up, lost by
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den death play-off



ed Ball (left),
holder, - and
on Arda get set
to tee off

Vijay gears for Wimbledon

PRO tennis is a tough grind.

More so the World Championship Tennis series of Lamar Hunt. It is a tiring series of inter-continental travelling, airport lobbies, rocky airplane landings, strange beds, time-zone changes and meeting new people — all part of a day's work.

"It is like any other job," according to John Alexander, a powerhouse known for his booming serve. "You do get tired, but I don't get to the point of stopping," says the Australian star. "No matter how much you like anything, you need a break. I guess that is true of everything except sex," he says.

"You do get tired," says Ken 'Muscles' Rosewall, who is still at it despite the fact that the life of a tennis vagabond has been gruelling on his 41-year-old and rather smallish body. He says: "The travel takes a lot out of you and sometimes you can't play as well. Age doesn't really make that much of a difference, but it can be tiring to play the longer matches we have with the slower courts and balls."

Tom Gorman, the man with recurring back trouble, says the slower courts make it tougher on the body. "The curly-haired American, who won the Indian national lawn tennis championship at Delhi last year, beating Vijay Amritraj in the final, says, "It takes more out of you. I think in the future what you're going to see is a lot more knee injuries."

How does Vijay Amritraj feel about it? As tough as everyone feels it. The scrawny six-footer, like Alexander, relies heavily on his thundering serve and, as such, is a fast-court player who relishes lush turf surface than anything else. If he has done somewhat well on the slow 'Supreme' synthetic surface this season, it is because his ground strokes have become sharper and steadier.

But, since he has to hit the ball harder than he does on the turf, particularly since the balls supplied in these tournaments become fluffier soon, Vijay finds playing in the WCT series taxing indeed. When lifting his arm for long he feels the strain on his right shoulder. The long matches in the Memphis tourney took such a heavy toll of his right shoulder — he

had torn a fibre during the 1973 Indian Grand Prix which he won — that Vijay had an awful time completing the competition.

Now, Vijay has completed his four tournaments in the series—the 53 players of WCT-1976 must play in four events. Since he does not want to overstrain himself, he has decided to spend about ten days with his parents at Madras before leaving for the United States on April 18. And, while elder brother Anand will leave the US in May to play in the European tournaments, Vijay will take it easy and play in the comparatively relaxed atmosphere of the World Team Tennis competitions, where they play only two days per week (Tuesdays and Saturdays), before



Vijay . . . picking up tips from Laver

going to England for the Nottingham tourney and the Wimbledon championships.

His decision to skip the European tournaments and play in the WTT competitions was not only motivated by his desire to avoid tough competition before Wimbledon but also by the fact that he would get some valuable coaching from Grand Slammer Rod Laver, who has been chosen as the player-coach of the San Diego Friars team for which Vijay and Ashok have signed to play.

Vijay had benefitted immensely by the training and tips he had from Dennis Ralston, who was coach of the San Diego Friars last season. Likewise, he hopes to improve his game further under Laver and be well equipped for a crack at the Wimbledon crown.

Winning— 'superfish' style

HERE'S a tip for all aspiring swimmers: Want to win a race and break a record or two? Just imagine you are chased by a man-eating shark.

This is exactly what Stephen Holland, the 17-year-old Australian swimming champion, does. Nicknamed "superfish," Stephen took reporter Ralph Sharman of the 'Sunday Telegraph' (Sydney) into his confidence.

"I make believe I'm being chased by a huge shark, like the one in film 'Jaws.' If it gets me I'm gone. The idea might sound funny but really it's very serious."

In the recently-held Australian swimming championships at Sydney, Holland broke two world records, swimming 800 metres freestyle in 8 minutes 2.9 seconds and 1,500 metres freestyle in 15 minutes 10.89 seconds.

The effort was all the more awe-inspiring for he was in intense pain for cutting wisdom teeth and living only on ice-creams and sausages for the last four days before the meet.

Well, one cannot pay all the credit to sharks and sausages for Stephen's record-smashing spree. A Commonwealth champion of 1974 (much before the film 'Jaws' was shown Down Under), Stephen has put in 12 years of dedicated work. He has developed aerobic power—"a souped-up oxygen system to the muscles," developed after years of intensive training and thousands of miles of swimming.

Before Stephen Holland leaves for the Montreal Olympics, he will try to break the 15 minute-barrier for 1,500 metres and the eight minute-barrier for 800 metres. "I know I can do better all the time," he said confidently.

Stephen knows when he is on his way to a record. "Everything hurts. That's when I know I've got to go. The more it hurts, the more I go."

Leading Sydney coach Forbes Carlile predicts that the Australian swimmers in Montreal would out-strip the Munich Games' team medal tally.

He could be right. Within four days three world, 10 Commonwealth and 28 Australian records were smashed at the Australian swimming titles at Sydney.

—K. M. MEHER-HOMJI

Narinder too good

—INTER RAILWAY TENNIS

NEW DELHI:

AN was expected Northern Railway's left-handed Narinder Singh recaptured the men's singles crown in the Inter-Railway Tennis championships here recently. His opponent was his teammate, Balram Singh, wearing glasses these days. No other result was expected. Narinder, who had not taken part in the singles last year because of a "tennis arm," was just too good for the off-and-on-form Balram whose winning weapon appears to be just his powerful service. Narinder sailed through 6-1, 6-4.

Narinder, in fact, finished on the winning side in each of the titles at stake. With Balram as partner he won the doubles, the opponents being S. Bhattacharjee and Afzal Ali of Eastern Railway. Balram and Narinder won 6-3, 6-4.

Bhattacharjee and Afzal, both splendid players, were lucky to have reached the final stage in the open doubles. After Narinder and Balram, the next best pair were the younger brothers, Praveen Singh and Madhusudan Singh of D.L.W. But because of their involvement with the team championships, Praveen and Madhusudan dropped out of both the open singles and doubles. For Madhusudan it must have been a sad decision. He was last year's singles champion.

Madhusudan and Praveen played superbly in the doubles of the team championships. Using the lob with deadly accuracy they had their elder brothers Balram and Narinder running in circles. Madhusudan and Praveen won the match at 6-3, 6-4. This effort, however, came too late. Balram and Narinder had earlier won their respective singles. Narinder beating his younger brother Praveen 6-1, 6-2 and Balram accounting for Madhusudan (another family affair) 7-5, 6-0.

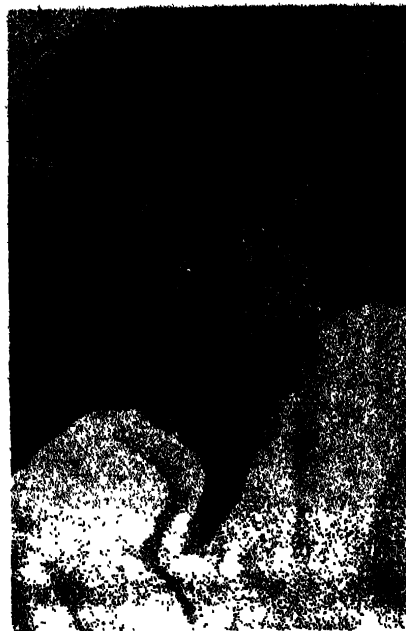
The unexpected win by the D.L.W. pair in the doubles extended the tie by a day with the result that Madhusudan and Praveen, hoping for the best, stayed away from the open events.

But the reverse singles followed according to pre-match expectations. Balram faced Praveen in the opening match of the reverse singles and, though Praveen managed to snatch a set, Balram was the superior player, winning 6-3,

2-6, 6-4. Praveen, however, had the satisfaction of making that singles one of the best matches of the otherwise, tennis-wise, low-key tournament. Northern Railway as a team also had a distinction. They won the team title for the sixth time running.

There is a lot of good tennis in the Eastern Railway youngsters. Both Bhattacharjee and Afzal have good shots and a lot of determination. But their service is weak. Afzal should benefit a lot from his brother, coach and former Davis Cup player, Akhtar Ali. Bhattacharjee should also seek some advice on this score.

—SW Correspondent



Narinder Singh

Experiments in AIR

THE Western India Football Association have had enough brickbats hurled at them for the late start and haphazard running of this season's Rovers Cup. One of the few who discerned, so to speak, a silver lining in this dark cloud was All India Radio, Bombay.

It was a chance for AIR to experiment broadcasting running commentaries on the Rovers Cup from the Cooperage and on the Bombay Gold Cup Hockey tournament from the BHA Stadium in the sports service programme, switching from one venue to the other so as to provide coverage of both events.

The experiment, which meant additional outlay by way of men and equipment, was an encouraging success and was well received by listeners. It could be a step towards promotion of sports consciousness among the people by a wider and more varied coverage of events, a project that began during the National Football Championship at Goa on November 19, 1972, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's birthday, with Messrs. A. T. P. Sarathy and Lume Pereira inaugurating the service.

There have been suggestions to have the timing of the sports service adjusted to take in a full game of football or hockey, etc. However, the organisers of sports events have not always been accommodating, with some not starting matches early enough for AIR to cater to the listeners.

But the experiment with the

Rovers Cup and the Gold Cup opens prospects of like coverage from other centres. Though Calcutta may have difficulty in emulating this attempt of Bombay because the seasons for football, cricket and hockey are clearly scheduled to avoid overlapping, Delhi and Madras could follow suit. Delhi in particular, may be able to when the DCM football, Nehru hockey, Butlerin basketball, Durand football or other major events are run simultaneously.

Madras, too, sometimes has football and hockey events conducted at the same time. Calcutta, however, could broadcast recorded commentary on some indoor events as hockey and football matches start earlier than the daily sports service programme. That would also lend variety.

AIR could also work out something on the pattern of BBC sports service, with reports from different centres. Thus Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras could share time, an innovation that would help the listeners know more about more events. Gradually ten minutes or even less could be set apart for voice despatches or commentaries on events not covered in detail. These could be broadcast at various hours of the day.

Of course, all this would involve co-operation from national federations and state associations. And a lot of ground work by AIR. But when this comes to pass it would be fulfilling the objectives of the sports service programme.

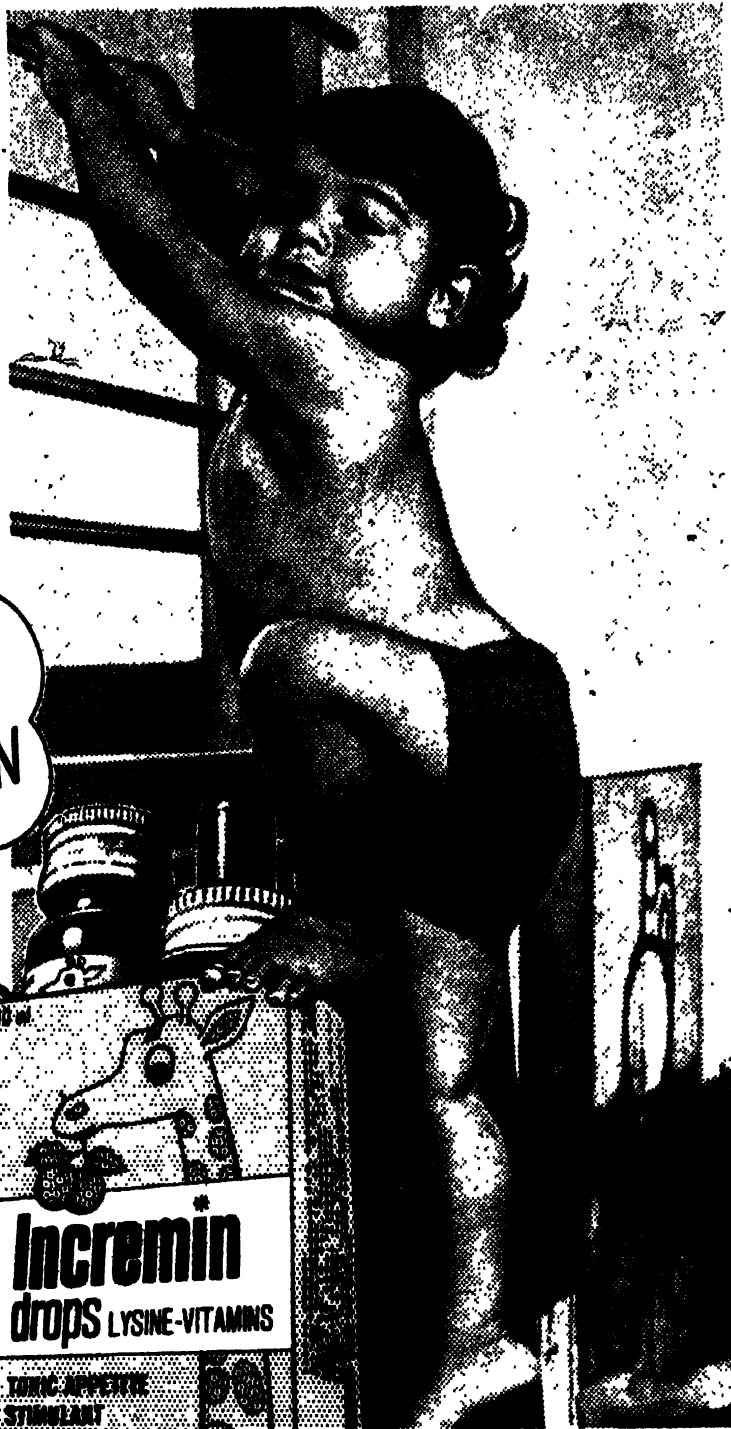
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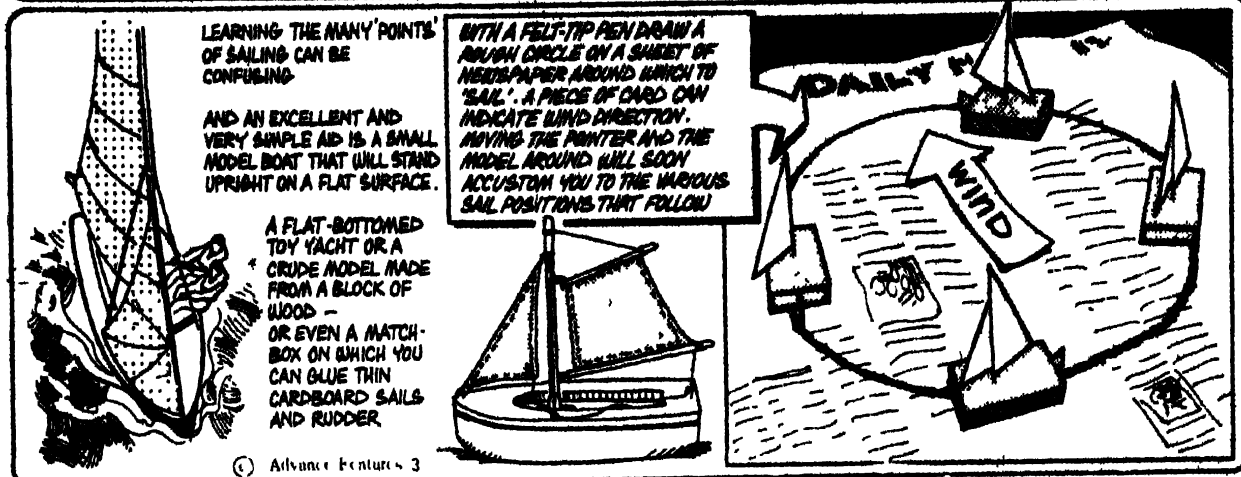
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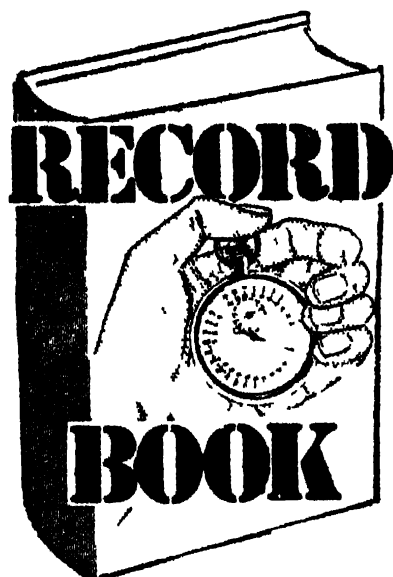
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SAIL AWAY

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO DINGHY SAILING
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MONZA, the famous speed track near Milan, Italy, has been the scene of many thrilling motor races, usually watched by thousands of spectators

But on December 6, 1972, when Florian Camathias, the little, bespectacled Swiss motorcycling ace, made an attempt on the world sidecar records, the track was practically deserted, except for a small group of officials, timekeepers and fellow riders.

His machine was a 1961 Honda 250 c.c. to which was attached a "stick" sidecar with a 12in wheel. The "sidecar" had no body, for no passenger was to be carried. It consisted merely of three struts to hold the third wheel in place and to conform to international rules, 132 pounds of ballast was carried in the sidecar struts.

After several practice laps Florian Camathias set off around the banked Monza circuit to attack the

A triple on a mobike

by DAVID HENDERSON

100 kilometres records for 250 and 350 c.c. machines. Gradually he pushed up the power of his four cylinder Honda engine until he was lapping at nearly 125 miles an hour.

Without experiencing any trouble he completed the 100 kilometres (62.1 miles) at an average speed of 119.34 miles an hour, easily beating the previous records for both 250 and 350 c.c. machines. Then, acting on a signal from his pit, he roared on towards a new record for one hour.

Unfortunately, with only seven minutes of the 60 left, his engine died and he was left stranded on the far side of the circuit — his tank empty.

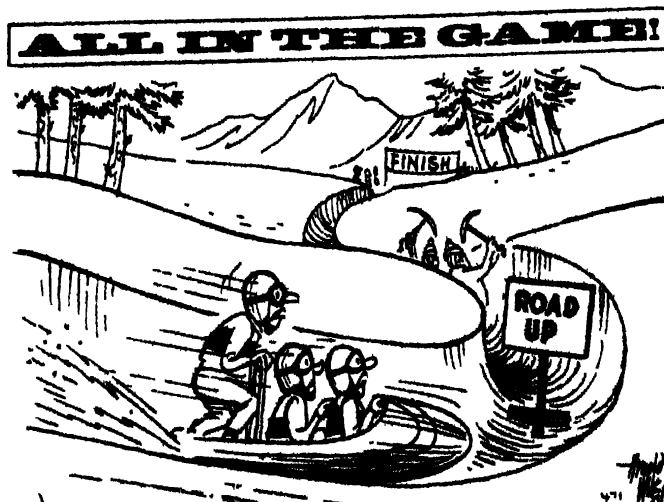
Poor Florian, realising that his hopes of a third record had been

ruined, started to walk across the country towards the pits. But his predicament had been spotted and a "rescue party" raced round the track, arriving within a couple of minutes.

While one of the mechanics yelled to Florian to return to his machine, others filled the tank and he was soon screaming away round the concrete circuit, once more in a desperate attempt to achieve a new record despite his delay.

He did it, too setting an average speed of 107.52 miles an hour, and beating the previous record for 250 c.c. sidecars by more than 15 miles an hour.

So Florian Camathias claimed three new world records — the first ever to be achieved on a Japanese machine.



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KEEP AWAY FROM GANJA, CHARAS, OPIUM

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THE contest for the Ubhaykar Trophy is a yearly event, which is held on an All-India basis at different centres. It is essentially a match-point pairs affair, but the hands are slightly doctored to make them more interesting. This year the contest was held at the Wankhede Stadium and some of the hands were truly delightful. Take a look at this one:

8643
AQ65
32
A95

KQJ75
J97
KQJ
Q7

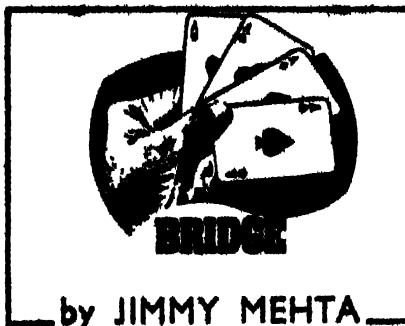
Bidding:
N E S W
4S P 1S 2C
P P P

The popular opening lead was the Ace of diamonds, followed by a low diamond, after which play proceeded on these lines:

Declarer played the King of spades, won on his right with the Ace, the spade 9 appearing on his left. A third diamond came back, ruffed on declarer's left with the spade 10. How would you have proceeded with the play?

The "two club" overcall marks the left hand opponent with the outstanding Kings of clubs and hearts and he is straightaway end-played to give you a trick which, however, does not solve your problem.

At my table the declarer discarded a club from the board, when the third diamond was ruffed by West. After that, the return



of the King of clubs or for that matter any club gives declarer the unavoidable trick but nevertheless leaves him short. If declarer opts to discard a heart from the table the defender must back a heart after which declarer can do nothing. The only play to succeed against all defence is the discard of a trump from dummy when the third diamond is ruffed. The best defence is a club return, for a heart return gives declarer his contract on a platter. On the return of a club, West is squeezed in hearts and clubs. The complete hand was as under:—

8643
AQ65
32
A95

109 A2
K108 432
A4 1098765
KJ10843 62

KQJ75
J97
KQJ
Q7

On the suggested play, it would be the 4 card ending:—

nil
AQ6
nil
9

nil
K108
nil
J

Immaterial

5
J97
nil
nil

The last trump cooks West's goose

An initial trump lead and club return leaves the declarer helpless. The winning lead was found only at two tables in Bombay — by Mohanlal Saxena and Abde Barodawalla. However, in practice all the declarers who were confronted with the lead of the Ace of diamonds and subsequent defence succumbed thereto.

Would you like to try another hand from the same context?

J932
K102
AK53
87

Q10876
AQ
QJ1096
2

The contract is four spades, and the opening lead is the 2 of diamonds which has all the hallmarks of a singleton. You have three black suit losers staring you in the face in addition to the threatened diamond ruff. Until next week!



by HOSEY MISTRY

1. Who was nicknamed 'the Boston strong boy'?
2. How many teams competed in the inaugural 1908 Olympic Hockey tournament?
3. When was the famous American horse race Kentucky Derby first run? a) 1873, b) 1875 or c) 1880.
4. When was the International Football Federation (F.I.F.A.) founded? a) 1898, b) 1901 or c) 1904.
5. To which sports did these famous personalities belong? a) Roger Banister, b) Primo

Carnera and c) Mahmoud M. Namdjon.

6. Whose great sporting life was portrayed in the film "Man of Bronze"?
7. What is 'game ball' in squash?
8. To which countries do the following Rugby Union teams—All Blacks, Wallabies and Springboks—belong?
9. What does 'bogey' in golf mean?

ANSWERS

1. Boxer John L. Sullivan. 2. Six. England, France, Scotland, Germany, Ireland and Wales 3. 1875. 4. 1904. 5. a) Athletics, b) boxing and c) weightlifting. 6. Athlete Jim Thorpe. 7. The state of the game when the server requires one point to win. 8. New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. 9. An arbitrary standard, supposedly based upon average good play; usually five to seven strokes per round higher than par.

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton



**"Muscle cramps are
a professional hazard
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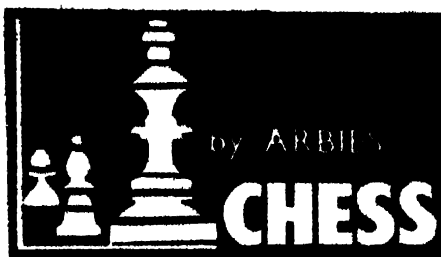
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AFTER Pawn to King five White should try for a King side attack against French Defence. If he fails to do so Black emerges with better prospects on the Queen side and a favourable end game.

In this game played in the Inter-State Team Championship at Nagpur the Gujarat champion, handling Black pieces, conducts the ending efficiently.

FRENCH DEFENCE

White: R. K. Gupta (Delhi)

Black: V. P. Avari

1. PK4, PK3 2. PQ4, PQ4 3. NQ2, (a) NKB3 4. PK5, KNQ2 5. KNE3, (b) PQB4 6. PB3, NQB3 7. BQ3, QN3 8. QR4?, (c) PxP, 9. PxP, BK2 10, 00, PB3 11. PxP, NxBP 12. BN5, BQ2 13. QN3, 00 14. BxN, BxB 15. QxQ, PxQ 16. RK1, BQ2 17. NK5, (d) BN4 18. PQN3? (e) KRB1 19. NB1, BN5 20. BQ2, BR6 21. BB1, BN5 22. BQ2, BxB 23. NxB, RB7 24. PQR4, RxN 25. PxP, RxR 26. RxR, PR3 (f) 27. PB3, RxP 28. RR7, QN5 29. RxP, RxP(4) 30. RK7, RxP 31. RxP, RK6 32. KB2, PQ5 33. PN4, PQN4 34. PR4, NQ2 35. RK8ch, KR2 36. PB4, PN5 37. RK7, NB4 38. RR7, (g) PN6 39. RRR1, NK5ch 40. KN2, RK7ch 41.

KB3, PN7 42. RR1, RK6ch 43. KN2, RN6ch 44. KR2, RR6ch White resigns.

(a) The Tarrasch Variation 3. NQ2 is more often met by 3... PQB4.

(b) The main lines are 5. PKB4, PQ4, 6. PB3, QNB3 7. QNB3 and 5. BQ3, PQB4 6. PQB3, NQB3 7. NK2. The text transposes into a gambit line (see next note) which, however, White does not play.

(c) The gambit is: 8. 001, PxP 9. PxP, NxQP 10. NxN, QxN 11. NB3, QN3 12. QR4, BK2 13. QKN4 with good prospects.

(d) 17. NN5?, BN5 18. NxKP??, KRR1 loses a piece.

(e) 18. N(5)B3, BQ2 19. NK5 might draw

(f) Black is two tempi ahead in the end game. His Rook is already on the 7th rank and White has yet to make an outlet for his King. Curiously enough White's strong Knight on K5 does nothing and eventually Black comes out a Pawn ahead.

(g) 38. PN5 fails to 38... PxP 39. RPxP, NQ6ch and 40... NxP.

SICILIAN DEFENCE

White: L. K. Ramachandran (TN)

Black: N. Ghalib (AP)

Played in the South Zone Team Championship held in Sri Lanka won by Karnataka who beat Tamil Nadu in the last round 21:11. Ranking and points: Karnataka 12 out of 16; Tamil Nadu 11; Andhra Pradesh 9; Pondicherry 4; Sri Lanka 3.

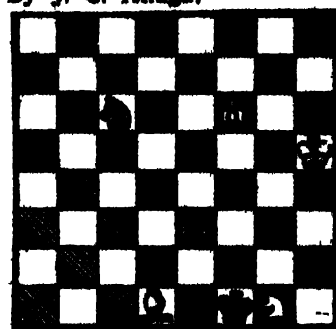
1. PK4, PQB4 2. NKB3, NQB3

3. PQ4, PxP 4. NxP, NKB3 5. NQB1 PQ3 6. BQB4, PK3 7. BK3, BK2 8. QK2, PQN3 9. 000, QK2 10. BN1 00 11. PN4, NxN 12. RxN, PQN 13. RN1, NQ2 14. PN5, (a) BN2 15. QRS, NB4 16. PK5! NxSch 17. RPxN, PxP 18. RKR4, PB4 19. QxPch, KB2 20. QR5ch, Black resigns.

(a) So far Dubai-Kusmin, Nica 1974 where Black played 14... PN3! stopping QR5 as well as possible PN6. The game went: 15. PKR4, RK1 16. PR5, NB4 17. RRR1 BN2 18. QN4, BKB1 and Black won in the end game.

END GAME

By J. C. Ahaga:



White: Kh5; Bd1; Ng1; Pf6.

Black: Kf1; Re3; Nc6.

White to play and win.

1. Pf7, Re5ch 2. Kg4, Re4ch 3. Kg3, Rf4! 4. Kxf4, Nd6 5. Pf8 (Q), Ne6ch 6. Kg3!, Nxf8 7. Nf3!, Nd7, e6, g6 or h7 8. Ba4, b3 or c2 and Black must lose the Knight or be mated.

PROFILE

KERALA'S Mohamed Basheer, who is leading the India youth side to Bangkok for the Asian Youth Football which begins this week, is a master-striker in the making.

Basheer, son of a Trichur veteran, Mohamed Ismail, took to soccer very late and by sheer accident too. He was University No. 2 in badminton, when coach Usman Koya of the Calicut University lured him to the football field. Basheer soon moved into the left-winger's berth in the Varsity team. That was in late 1971.

Thanks to Basheer's striking prowess, Calicut proved to be the dark horse of the Inter-Varsity Football Tournament, played at home, winning the Sir Ashutosh Mukherji Shield for the first time. Basheer was the man of the tournament, for he was in the scorer's list almost every evening and topped the list with ten goals to win the Manorama Award for the best forward of the series.

M. Basheer



Coach Jarnail Singh (left) has a word with Basheer (centre)

That was the start of a promising career for this stylist. He was in the Varsity side for three more years, during which time they retained the coveted shield at Patiala in 1973-74. Last year, he captained the team which finished second.

In 1972 he donned the State

colours at the Quilon Junior National and Kerala won the Dr. B. C. Roy Trophy that year. He won a place in the senior side for the Southern Pentangular held at the same venue where Kerala moved up to second place.

Though surprisingly he was discarded after two senior Indian camps, Basheer came back richer from the experience. Last year he was honoured with the India colours for the Asian Youth Football Tournament held at Kuwait.

This season he has been in peak form, crowning his efforts with a gem of a goal against star-studded Bengal at the Calicut Nationals. Though Kerala lost the match, by the thinnest of margins (1-2), it was for the first time in the long history of the Nationals, that Kerala had a goal advantage over the champions.

Basheer, today, is a mature striker, who can walk into any India side. He can fill in the position of left-inner or left-extreme with equal merit. His intelligent moves and the ease with which he controls the ball is a treat to watch.

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THE other day, I went to see my first-ever football match. The entire stadium was filled with people and none of them looked like the type who had made money in the black-market and bought tickets at ten times the regular price.

The players all wore short pants and ran into the field at a smart dash, unlike in cricket when they gently stroll out adjusting their caps and rolling up their sleeves.

The crowd cheered its favourite team. I did not know which team to cheer as one was from Calcutta, which is not my city, and the other was from Mafatlal, which is not my mill.

The players then all lined up and were introduced to Rajni Patel. Which was a little like our cricketers being introduced to the Queen when they play at Lord's.

The game began with a lot of kicking around of a big ball filled with air. Every few minutes the referee blew the whistle and interrupted the game. Which was a bit of a nuisance.

The spectators were not at all behaving as if they were all appointed as either referees or coaches and often both. They were advising the players to

BUZZING AROUND

by BUSYBEE

shoot and pass and run and shouting foul and outside and things like that.

This was a new experience for me. For all these years I have only seen spectators at cricket matches and they occupy themselves by either listening to the running commentary or bursting crackers.

Nothing much was happening on the field. I mean there were no wickets falling or runs being scored. I was glad the game lasted only for an hour or so and not for five days.

And then there was a drinks' break and the players gathered around in small groups and some of them removed their boots and decided to play barefoot.

The referee carried a whistle, which he blew and the game began again. The man sitting next to me, who seemed to know the names of all the players, said the Calcutta team was a champion team. It did not look to me like a champion team, but then I do not know what a champion team in football looks like.

The only interesting moments in the game were when the players argued with the referee and disputed his decisions. In cricket if such a thing were to happen, the Board would hold an inquiry and suspend the player and stand him down in a Test.

And then somebody scored what they refer to as a goal. I did not see it, as my attention had been diverted to the tall buildings which looked over the roof of the stadium. But the man next to me (the one who knew the names of all the players) said it was a beautiful goal and well worth coming all the way to see the match.

And then it was over and we all came out and walked to our respective railway stations. And, I thought, perhaps sports magazines were right in concentrating on cricket.

State of well-being

by HUBERT DHANARAJ

It is hard to state clearly what constitutes physical fitness. In most instances, the kind of analysis one would like to use depends on personal needs and interests.

Some people simply want to develop muscularity; others want to improve athletic proficiency; still others are motivated to maintain good health. Regardless of what factors influence individuals to become concerned about their physical condition, the underlying element is human energy.

Physical fitness to one person may mean swimming; to another it may mean lifting weights. The goals and means being different, meaningful discourse and agreement are difficult. A standard definition is practically impossible, and this problem has puzzled medical men, physiologists and physical educationists for several generations.

It is, however, possible to establish a common base for argument and to identify the core. This core is the physical efficiency that enhances the quality of life.

There can be no disagreement on physical fitness being associated

with bodily functions and the ability of the human organism to adjust to the environment. It implies then that physical fitness is a state of well-being that provides the energy to do work and maintains the functional efficiency of the body as a whole. Here again we are exposed to the possibility of many interpretations arising from the varying needs and interests of different individuals.

Whatever may be the preferences or priorities, physical fitness

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is incomplete without cardio-respiratory endurance. This endurance is related to the strength of the heart, lungs and the associated parts to meet the increased demands of the body during exercise and to deliver oxygen effectively to the working tissues. It is also related to a successful elimination of waste products particularly carbon dioxide.

Some may maintain that it is possible to enjoy good health without cardio-respiratory endurance. This claim is generally acceptable, for we know that health to a large extent depends on heredity, nutrition and health habits. Nevertheless, the bodily functions in the resting state reflect only low energy cost and metabolism. The human organism is a "working machine" and as such we want the body to be efficient during mild exercise, moderate exercise and strenuous exercise, as well as during rest. The zest we need in life can come only from cardio-respiratory endurance.

Muscular strength, co-ordination, speed, agility, flexibility and such like are all components of physical fitness. These components may also assume different proportions, depending on needs. For instance, a sprinter needs more speed than a marathon runner.

Despite such variations, everyone needs cardio-respiratory endurance. That alone will guarantee the energy one needs for his daily occupational work and the extra energy he needs to do additional work and enjoy his recreation.

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NIS breaks fresh ground

by RANJIT BHATIA

QUITE apart from being the training ground for Indian coaches, the National Institute of Sports has been associated with preparation of national teams for major international events for nearly a decade now. Last month, the Patiala institute broke fresh ground by playing host to the first-ever international course on Olympic Solidarity, along with one for athletics coaches and national secretaries of the Asian region.

The fortnight session was made possible by the combined efforts of the International Olympic Committee and the International Amateur Athletic Federation to provide the third world countries with the latest know-how on coaching and administration of athletics, considered the most basic of the Olympic events. It was also for the first time in the history of Indian sport that the Indian Olympic Association, the NIS and the Amateur Athletic Federation of India were jointly associated with such a venture.

Spotlight was naturally enough, on the visiting experts. Henri Van Karnabeek (Netherlands), who inaugurated the course in his position as a senior IOC representative and chairman of the Olympic Solidarity Committee was impressed by the facilities for sports in Patiala and Delhi, and felt that New Delhi's National Stadium was an ideal place for holding the next Asian Games. Dr. Joseph Sir (Hungary), former international sprinting star, representing the IAAF, expressed satisfaction at the response to the course from India and offered his help to provide Indian athletes with suitable competition on the European circuit prior to the Olympics.

Three of the leading figures in International coaching were also



The delegates at the opening of the seminar on athletics coaching and administration at the NIS

present at Patiala to conduct the refresher course on athletics to the 31 participants from nine member nations. At 29, American sprint coach Rick Smith has been highly successful, and is associated with big names like Ivory Crockett (US). Professor Bauersfeld has been GDR's most prominent field events coach, with four world records in the shot put to his credit. Both were able to shed much light on trends in training.

The man to attract the greatest attention was, however, Arthur Lydiard, the New Zealander, who has been the world's most successful exponent of the endurance running build-up through which Peter Snell (800 metres) and Murray Halberg (5,000 metres) first stunned the traditionalists at the 1960 Olympics at Rome, and which led to the grand Finnish revival in distance running at the last Olympics at Munich.

Lydiard was all praise for the

coaching facilities in India, but felt that in order to get better results a great deal needed to be done to co-ordinate the work of the coach with that of the athletics administrator. He felt that selection trials in May for Olympic probables were pointless, as they might result in our athletes attaining their peak performance two months before the Games. Lydiard was impressed with Harbel Singh (3,000 metres steeplechase) and Sriram Singh (800 metres), and felt that with greater emphasis on endurance training and properly planned pre-Olympic racing, they would be in a position to give a good account of themselves at Montreal.

IOA president Air Chief Marshal O. P. Mehra has been particularly impressed by Lydiard's very down to earth approach to Indian athletics, and has suggested that the New Zealanders's services be utilised to get Indian athletics on a sound footing.

Dr. Joseph Sir (Hungary), addressing the meet



East Bengal win, but . . .

EAST BENGAL did not rise to the occasion in the final of the Rovers Cup Football Tournament. But they had the satisfying consolation of lifting the Cup for the seventh time in ten finals when they prevailed over Mafatlal Group by a solitary goal scored 11 minutes after the interval.

The Calcutta League and IFA Shield champions who had previously won the trophy in 1949, 1962 (jointly with Andhra Police), 1967, 1969, 1972 (jointly with Mohun Bagan) and 1973 were unable to take a hold on the proceedings in the face of the sustained pressure by Mafatlal in the first quarter of an hour.

Though their deep defence held well and Biswajit Das in goal, who had arrived from Bangalore after being left out of the Indian team for the Asian Youth tournament at Bangkok, was safe, their linkmen, Gautam Sarkar and Rattan Dutta, hardly made any impression.

In the circumstances, East Bengal were fortunate they had forwards who could both fend for themselves and also harass defenders in possession. Ranjit Mukherjee twice and Surajit Sengupta once robbed their rivals of the



Mafatlal goalkeeper Sandhanha comes out and collects a cross as Ranjit Mukherjee charges in



East Bengal's Gautam Sarkar (left) and skipper Asoke Banerjee with the cup after receiving it from Mrs. Bakul Patel, wife of BPCC President Rajni Patel. Below: Jubilant East Bengal players and fans



ball and nearly netted in the first half.

The Mafatlal attack suffered by comparison. Though Ranjit Thapa had one good shy at goal eight minutes after the interval and Rattan Thapa had a fair match, they were not able to get the better of the East Bengal defence, in which Karmarkar was outstanding, Asoke Banerjee and Shyamal Ghosh steady and Balai Chakravarty firm in tackles.

Mafatlal, however, deserve kudos for not letting the reputation of their rivals overawe them and for

the resolute opposition they put up, especially by their half-backs.

East Bengal's performances against Jugatjit Cotton Textile Mills in the replayed quarter-final and against Mohammedan Sporting in the semi-final had installed them as favourites for the Cup. Their defence was in top form and completely neutralised the threat of former Asian All-star Inder Singh in the second replay, which they won 2-0.

Gautam Sarkar and Rattan Dutta were in good form. Sarkar drove in a great goal from 20 yards out

after Shyam Thapa had held the ball long enough for him to come galloping up, while Ranjit Mukherjee headed in a flag kick for the first goal in the first half.

Mohammedan Sporting, who won with ease against an off-colour Orkay Mills in their replayed quarter-final, themselves proved a disappointment against East Bengal. In defence Kajal Dhali and Bijoy Dikpati stood their ground, but the rest were below par. Goalkeeper Ahmed Koya fisted into his own goal a high lob of Gautam Sarkar and then Habib Khan kicked high to let Shyam Thapa make the goal for Ranjit Mukherjee.

Indeed, but for a couple of bursts by Sisir Guha Dastidar early in the second half, from the second of which Karmarkar brought off a great goalline save with Tarun Bose drawn out and beaten, there was little in the Mohammedans' attack. They were even less of a force than they had been in the first meeting with Orkay Mills.

Orkay, whom one had expected to make a fight for a place in the semi-final, turned in one of their poor displays in the replay. Bernard Pereira headed in a goal to cut the margin that Aziz and Surinder Kumar had built up before Aziz scotched Orkay's hopes with another goal.

The best match of the last week of the competition was the semi-final between Mafatlal Group and Leader Club, who had surprisingly overpowered Mahindra and Mahindra in the quarter-final, 4-0. Ranjit Thapa gave Mafatlal a sixth-minute lead with a great goal and then made many fine plays. But loose play by their defence let Harjinder Singh, the star forward of the tournament, equalise with a fine dipping shot. However, Rattan Thapa regained the lead for Mafatlal.

Throughout the second half Mafatlal were under great pressure to deny their rivals a goal, Harjinder jinked his way past the defence and Kulter Singh was a constant threat. But Mafatlal held out.

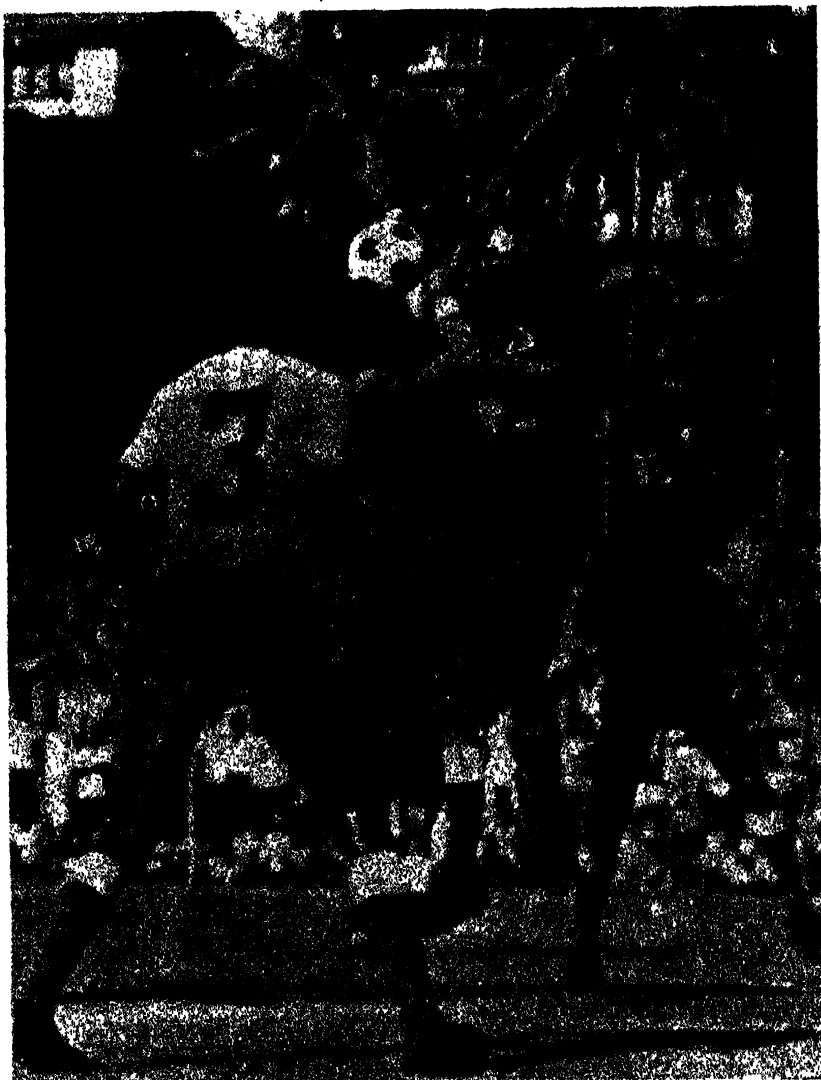
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Robert D'Souza (left) tries to ward off Shyam Thapa in the final



Mafatlal's Abdul Rehman (left) watches goalkeeper Saldanha dive and make a good save as Leader's Sunil Kumar charges in



Saldanha fists away a corner kick as Shyam Thapa jumps up to head

GETTING BACK THE GOLD

PATIALA:

INDIAN hockey still has a heavy cross to bear. This assessment is not influenced by the dictates of Christian doctrine during the Holy Week. The writer is too catholic in his tastes and liberal in his philosophy of life to arrive at such a temporal conclusion. But the facts are inescapable and the diversions from road to Calvary cannot be created by the road-blocks of pious hopes and fanciful resolutions.

Indian hockey was crucified by the whims and fancies, the dictatorial airs of the familiar Laurel and Hardy combination of Ashwini Kumar and Jimmy Nagarvala, and their slapstick music hall routine left the nation in sack cloth and ashes as India were subjected to the indignity of battling for the bronze for the first time in their illustrious Olympic career in the rarified atmosphere of the high altitude of Mexico, way back in 1968.

We are still in the Olympic bronze standard and the pattern of the present selection committee headed by penalty-corner specialist Prithipal Singh, is a throwback to the days when a great inside-left like Manuel did not gain recognition and Balbir Singh of Western Railway was tossed into oblivion for alleged indiscretions that even earned him an official suspension when he was at the zenith

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of his powers and India sorely needed a mercurial sharpshooter who could get a sensational goal in the twinkling of an eye.

The trip to New Zealand and the Rene Frank International at Madras were planned as an integral and an important part of our preparation for Montreal where the artificial astroturf playing surface is the least of the hazards we face. But a constructive attempt was not made to remedy our obvious deficiencies at the centre-forward and the left-half positions. They still stare us in the face.

However, two concessions have been made to a rational and scientific approach to the preparation of our squad for Montreal and an indulgent nation may allow itself the minor subterfuge of ignoring the obtruseness of the selectors: (1) The need of a basic conditioning course has been accepted and the preparation of the probables started in good time to allow for it to; (2) The coach (Gurbux Singh) and the manager (Bhola) were nominated before the start of the training camp to rule out a repetition of the unsavoury revolt by the selected players — there was no doubt at the time that it was inspired — over the non-selection

of Jos Gonsalves, the Patiala camp commandant in 1973.

The final team and the standbys — at least 25 players are absolutely necessary for the training of the chosen stars to continue on a smooth and a rational plane — will be chosen after three days' trial over this long week-end. Two of the World Cup heroes, deep defender Michael Kindo and goalkeeper Ashok Dewan, are on the injured list and will not be able to participate in the trials. Kindo has an injured toe in plaster. He has been on the casualty list for more than ten days. Dewan's mishap was more recent.

Two of the trainees indulged in a piece of tomfoolery after a training session. They played French cricket — the mood for it was inspired no doubt by the garbled, undecipherable commentary from Port of Spain — and a deflection clipped Dewan, an innocent bystander, in the mouth. The goalkeeper has not lost any teeth. But the gash was so severe that it called for as many as ten stitches and he still has an uncomfortably swollen upper lip.

There are seven other goalkeepers in the camp where the fulltime professional coaches, under the tutelage of Balkishen Singh, the coach of our representative sides to the Mexico Olympiad and the Tehran Asiad, bear the main brunt



The Indian hockey players at the coaching camp for the Montreal Olympics. In the track suit is NIS conditioning expert Jagmohan Singh and on the benches are Kusha (left) and Bhaskaran (right)

of the routine chores and drills. Safety in numbers did the writer hear someone say? O, well! How on earth can seven prospective goalkeepers — Chhetri, Gurdev Singh, C D'Souza, Olympio Fernandes, John Correa, Leslie Fernandes and Susainathan—be given a fair test in the three-day trials for the one berth, as the place of Ashok Dewan must be secure. The selectors who created this unusual situation must have their own norms and yardsticks to arrive at a sensible chop.

Three cycles of basic conditioning with the emphasis on strength conditioning to tone up the players' ankle, calf and thigh muscles to counter the rigours of extended actual playing time on the artificial surface have been completed under the expert supervision of athletics coach Jagmohan Singh, the professional who introduced this modernised training programme into the Indian hockey calendar in 1973

The recovery period has been timed to allow for the trials and endurance, speed and explosive power conditioning will follow immediately afterwards.

The seasoned players have accepted the beneficial qualities of basic conditioning and they have encour-

aged the newcomers in the camp to it to respond more favourably and wholeheartedly to the hill-running, staircase climbing, weight training, etc. drawn up as part of the intensive programme by Jagmohan.

The recovery rate of the probables is more than satisfactory and there should be no doubts at all about the physical fitness of the players and their ability to stand up to the additional strain of playing on an artificial surface.

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Unfortunately, a fetish has been made of the artificial surface. The 60 x 25 yard strip that the Coir Board has been asked to prepare is a luxurious waste of time and money. It has not arrived as yet.

The selected team will leave for France by the first week of June and will have about five or six weeks to familiarise themselves

with the artificial surface. That is sufficient time for adaptation to conditions that have never been encountered by an Indian team before. And since there will be such a long gap before the competition at Montreal starts, it may be advisable to send Jagmohan Singh as an additional coach. He will certainly have a more important part to play than an IHF observer.

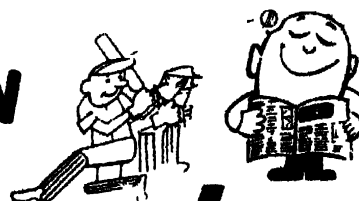
Both Prithipal and Major Eustace D'Souza have visited the camp. Bhola has also dropped in. The selectors, with the possible exception of Roop Singh, will be here to witness the trials. Once the probables are reduced to the selected essentials, the coaches will busy themselves with tactics and the drills required to weld together a match-winning combination that will make India the champions of all the world, back on the Olympic gold standard.

The Olympic draw and programme of fixtures have not been unkind to us and proper handling — the masterminds on the bench showed no imagination at Amsterdam where Holland spirited the World Cup out of two-up India's grasp in the tie-breaker of an exciting final — will see India do it. This is something more tangible than a patriotic emotion.

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Lloyd stays skipper

THE West Indian Cricket Board recently announced that Clive Lloyd would continue as captain for their forthcoming tour of England which gets under way in June later this year.

This vote of confidence in Lloyd's ability as leader has taken his detractors by surprise. After the severe 1-5 drubbing in Australia last winter — a defeat that most observers attributed largely to Lloyd's inability to exercise control over his team — Lloyd earned a reprieve when he was chosen skipper for the Tests against India for the current series.

Lloyd will have as his deputy the 32-year-old wicketkeeper Deryck Murray who thus undertakes his third successive tour in that capacity.

TCCB's new rulings

A RECENT meeting of the County Cricket Board of England held at Lord's decided that in 1976 any player leaving the field must inform the umpire, and will not be permitted to bowl until he has spent a period on the field equal to that off it. The West Indians touring England in 1976 have been asked to play under this rule.

The Board will recommend to the International Cricket Conference in July that there should be an interchange of umpires between Test-playing countries.

The England selection panel for 1976 remains unchanged. A. V. Bedser (chairman), K. F. Barrington, C. S. Elliot and Sir Leonard Hutton.

Australia will play five Tests at Lord's, Old Trafford, Trent Bridge, Headingley and the Oval on the 1977 tour of England. The first Test at Lord's will be known as the Jubilee Test to mark the Queen's 25-year reign.

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Distorted

THE article "Big two switch coaches" (28th March) is full of distortions. An emotional outburst may be overlooked, but if that is intended to acquire cheap popularity in journalism — sorry! SPORTSWEEK, the mag that cares for Indian sport has become a tool for scandal-mongers. Dr. N. Das of E. Bengal is not new, but general secretary since 1971. A contract is entered into for full season not till the engagement in Rovers Cup ends. No club appoints a coach to start the job only two weeks prior to league fixtures.

Gambling with footballers, the 'fixing' of matches are the greatest evils in Calcutta football. Raise your voice against those evils, not imaginary ones.

—Shyamal Biswas, Sandip Bose, Champak Sengupta (Calcutta).

Impertinence

I THINK Busybee is going to the extremities of impertinence. He may be a great humorist, but should he insult great sportsmen in order to amuse his fans? I am referring to the issue in which he wanted to name his dog after some famous cricketers. The line "Rohan is a stupid name" was really painful to read. I feel Busybee and SPORTSWEEK owe their apologies to Rohan Kanhai.

—G. C. Sekar (Madurai).

Unfair to Huggins

IT is not surprising that three more goalkeepers, in addition to the existing five, had to be invited to the Olympic coaching camp. However, one wonders as to why the name of Huggins (goalkeeper of Railways, Tamil Nadu, South Zone, Rest of India and even an Indian XI) is missing from the list. Huggins has repeatedly shown his class in the many matches that he has played and his maturity would be a definite assets under the bar. Not being finally selected for the Olympic team is not the point, but being excluded (on what grounds?) from the coaching/selection camp is difficult to understand.

—Lionel Heaton (Madras).

Sportsmen's Benefit Fund

YOUR idea of starting a fund is very commendable. I would suggest that the Board of Trustees should consist of the president of the AICS and the presidents of the various national sports associations like the IHF, AIFF, AILTA, BCCI, AAAL, etc. Every state should further be asked to contribute 20% of all lottery draws to this fund. Apart from this, a substantial amount from the gate collection at important tournaments like the Ranji Trophy, Santosh Trophy, Rangaswamy Cup, etc. should be set aside for this purpose. These amounts should be given to players who have brought glory to the country and also sports officials who have devoted their lives to the sport as also referees and umpires.

—Sarat Deka (Diphu, Assam).

I WOULD suggest that the best way to raise funds for the proposed Trust to be set up for needy sportsmen would be to reserve a part of the gate takings for this purpose — even if this involves an increase in the price of the tickets.

—Sanjay Chandra (Pilani).

WHY doesn't SPORTSWEEK sponsor a team under the banner of 'SPORTSWEEK's Pension Fund XI'? You could select the best players in each sport and

play matches all over the country. The profits could then be made over to the proposed fund. I am quite sure that most of our leading sportsmen will agree to play for this worthy cause.

—Sanjay Bhatt (Calcutta).

... not necessary

YOUR idea of constituting a Trust (28th March) for the benefit of sportsmen is neither practicable nor necessary. Firstly, the flow of funds for the Trust will be meagre and uncertain because the majority in India have difficulty in making both ends meet. Secondly, the Trust will have to leave out sportsmen who have served under the state or central government because they will get a pension anyway. The majority of sportsmen serve the banks and it is incumbent on the employers to do the needful for their benefit. The same should apply to all private firms. Again we can safely leave out those who have been private businessmen because in business there is no question of retirement.

I feel that the best that we can do for our heroes is to make an unanimous representation to the Government through SPORTSWEEK and stress the need for extending special care to sportsmen who have served the country.

—S. Janakiraman (Hyderabad).

Biased Cozier

I WISH you would cease publishing articles by Tony Cozier — his viewpoint is unashamedly biased. As a West Indian, it is understandable that he should support the Windies — but some of his pet expressions which he loves to repeat ad nauseum are annoying. For example, in every piece, he says that the West Indies are a "highly talented side" full of "potentially devastating batsmen." At the same time, he dismissed the Indians as a team with "obvious batting limitations" and "the weakest batting side to tour the West Indies."

No doubt the West Indies are 'devastating' when the wicket suits them. But in unfriendly conditions, they have as many 'obvious limitations' as the Indians. Besides, the Indians could also be 'potentially devastating' when the batting conditions suit them. Come on, Cozier, be fair. Your depiction of the West Indies as mighty Titans and the Indians as puny amateurs is not true — and you know it.

—V. J. Lee (Madras).

Why keep Goa out?

THE state of Goa has made its mark in Indian football and hockey. But why has there been nothing done in cricket? Goa should be allowed to take part in the Ranji Trophy championship. There are several clubs who have good players. Why then should Goa be denied a chance of producing an India player?

—D. S. Pinto (Salsette).

Bungling

I WAS surprised to read the article on National Cycling (April 4). It would appear that the championship was not well conducted and poor Tapkir of Maharashtra emerged as the most unfortunate victim. The Cycling Federation of India should immediately take steps to ensure that this sort of bungling is not repeated ever again.

—Satyajit Chakravarti (Calcutta).



by RAILBIRD

BUYING a two-year old is a bigger risk than wagering on a horse. When you wager you can not lose more than your investment, when you buy a two-year old your losses mount in geometrical progression.

This aspect of the financial side of racing was forcefully brought out when four horses claimed their maiden races as four-year-olds over the weekend in Bombay. All were bought in February, 1974 and all had to be maintained at a roughly calculated cost of Rs 18,000 per year for two years. Thus, Rs 36,000 must be added to their purchase price when calculating what they have cost their respective owners.

Accordingly, Natural Power's purchase price of Rs 60,000 is inflated to Rs 96,000, which is 950 per cent greater than the Rs 10,000 race he won. This works out to a return of 52 per cent per annum which is not good business at all and which becomes even worse when it is realised that while it is certain that the investment will increase by Rs 18,000 per year, it is uncertain whether there will be any further return at all.

Bright Steel cost Rs 88,000 (including upkeep charges) and won Rs 10,000, Mighty Man cost Rs

Not good business

92,000 and won Rs 10,000 and Sporting Gift cost Rs 66,000 and won Rs 7,700. Phew! The difference between return and investment on an average horse is truly staggering and one wonders how many racegoers give this a thought when they question the integrity of the owners of beaten favourites.

There were 10 beaten favourites in the 15 races run in Bombay last weekend and while some of them ran well below their known form, not one of them can be said to have not been allowed to run on merits.

The biggest disappointment was undoubtedly Fragrant Memories. This half-sister to Sweet Memories had carried 57.5 kilos to an eight-lengths victory over Big Spender over 1,600 metres in Class Two in 1 minute, 39 3/5 seconds with false rails. Yet, when saddled with 53 kilos in the Class Two Heritage Plate she was beaten by four lengths by Time Queen, who clocked 1 minute, 40 3/5 seconds with no false rails.

Failure

The figures cited above tell their own tale. It was not a particularly warm afternoon and the heat can not be the reason for her failure. What brought it about is beyond the comprehension of this writer.

If Fragrant Memories ran well below known form, Small Fry and Ek Nazar ran well above it. Small Fry, who had to be driven by Purusingh to win the 1,400 metres Chief Minister's Gold Cup, trounced better class opposition in the

1,200 metres Abdullah Khairaz Cup, winning by six and a half lengths from Mighty Stallion in the hands of Madansingh.

Ek Nazar, carrying a very stiff penalty of nine kilos for his last impressive victory, just failed to claim his sixth race of the season when knuckling under to Orange Lily, who was in receipt of 14.5 kilos from him in the 1,400 metres C D Dady Gold Cup. This Asopo-Eram colt who started the season with a trouncing in Class Three, ended it with a narrow defeat as the topweight in the highest class.

Ishtar completed a hat-trick when waltzing away with the 1,000 metres Panvel Plate and if the filly is pulled out again on either of the last two days she can extend her winning streak.

Horse breeding in India will be poorer by the death of Rock of Gibraltar at the age of 25 in Poona. By Rockefeller Toquade (by Premier Baiser) Rock of Gibraltar won 11 races in India, including the Eclipse Stakes and the C N Wadia Gold Cup in Bombay and the Maharaja's Gold Cup in Bangalore.

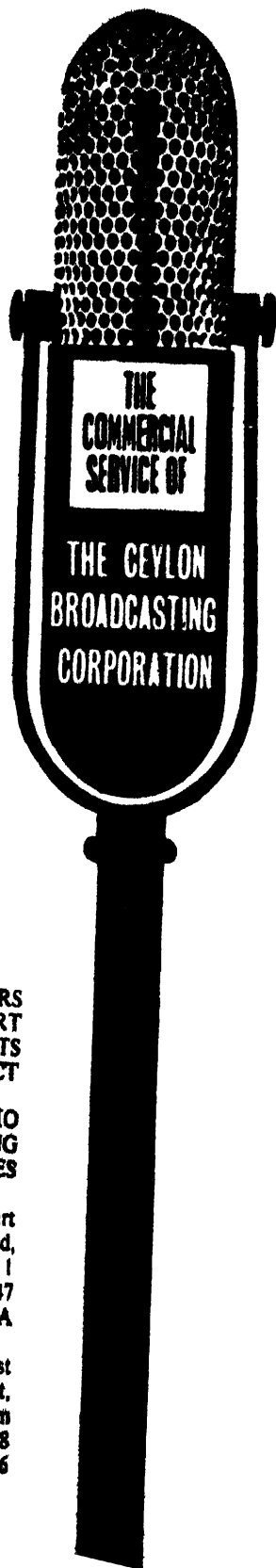
Rock of Gibraltar was the most successful side in the country and the winnings of his progeny must have reached astronomical heights. Sixteen of them were Classic winners, several, especially Fair Haven, Star Haven, Rock Haven and Prince Khartoum, winning several Classics. Prince Khartoum and Prince Royal are also Invitation Cup winners. Rock of Gibraltar stood at the Greenacres Stud.



Orange Lily winning the C.D. Dady Gold Cup from Ek Nazar and Mandsaur at Mahalaxmi on April 11



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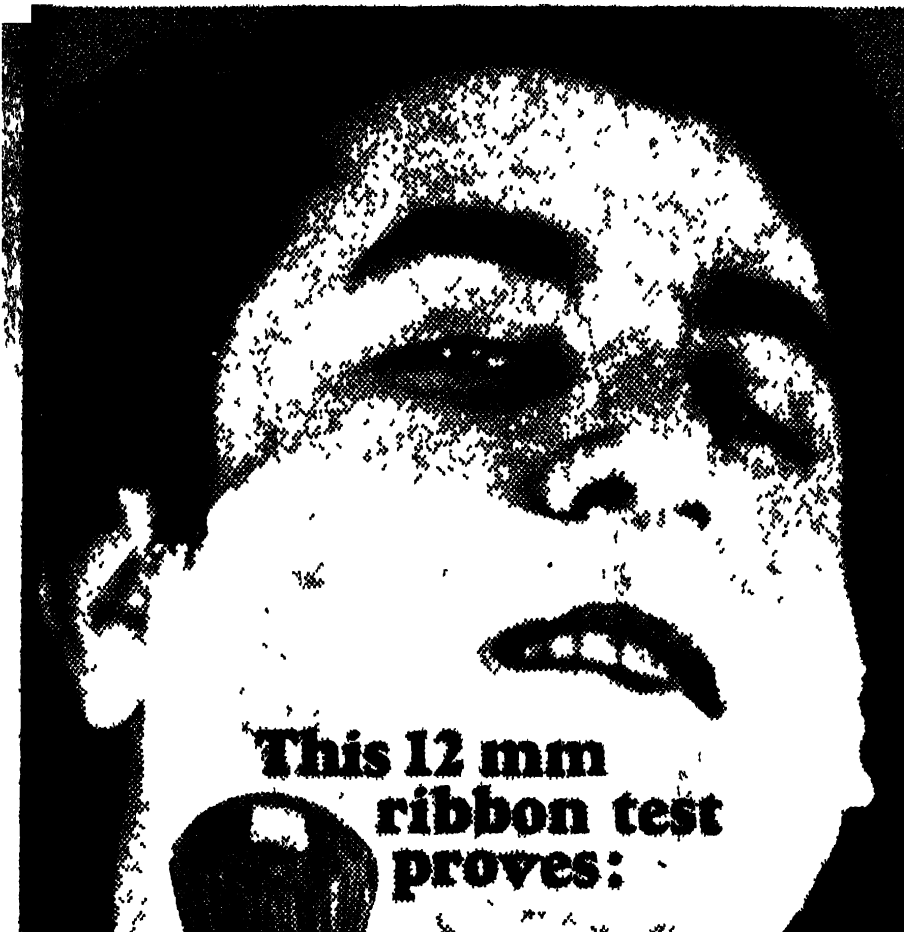
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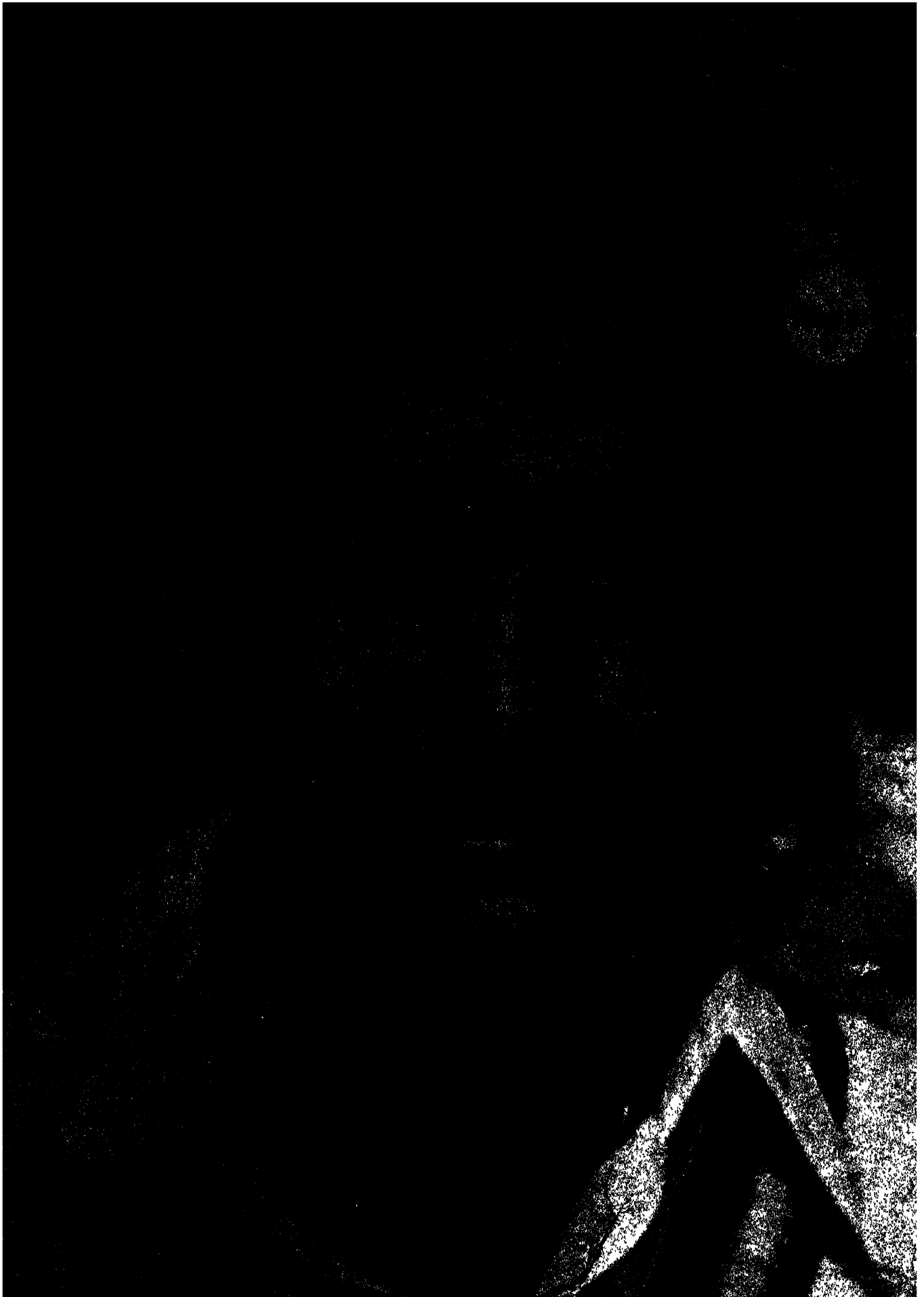
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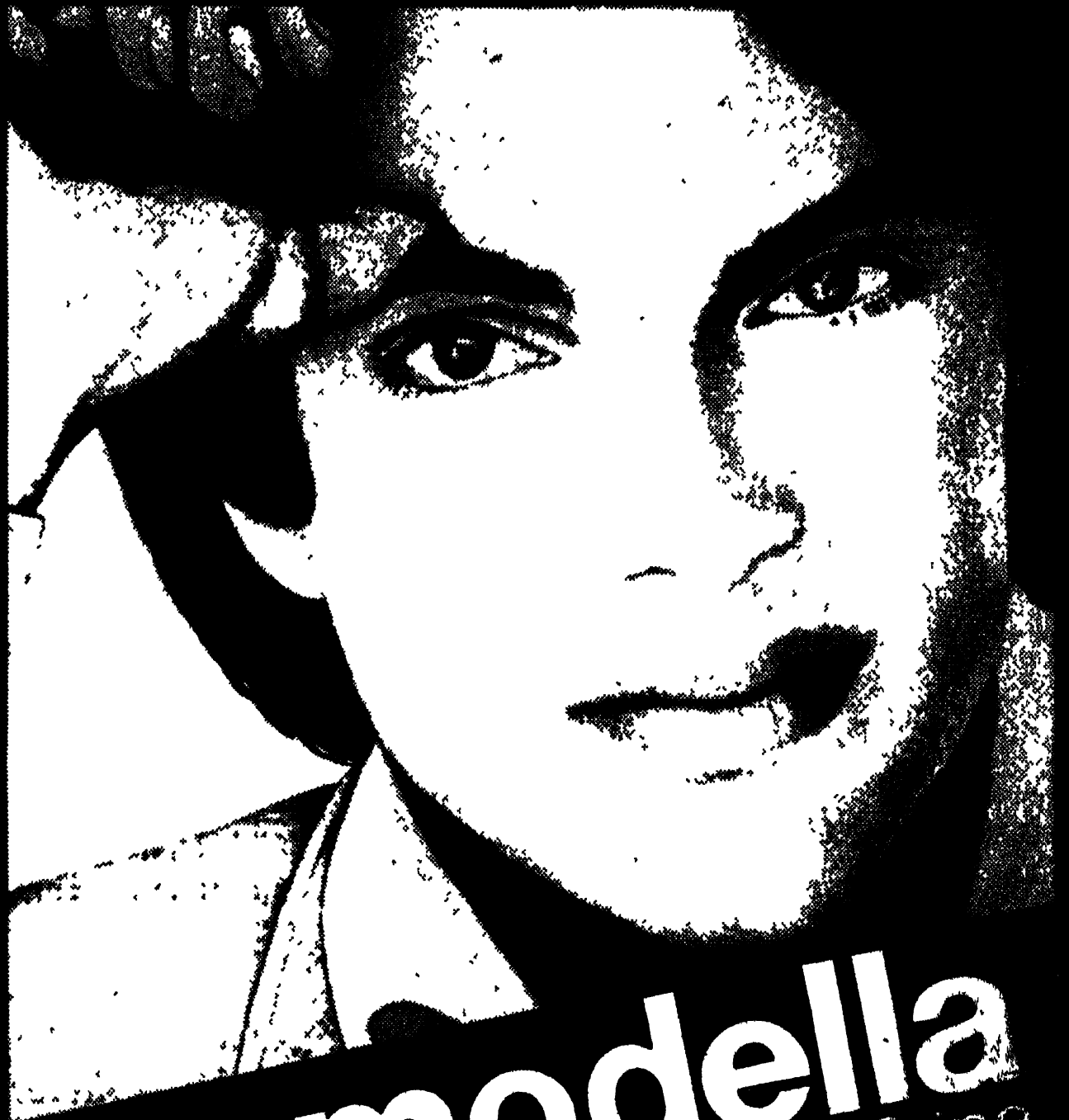
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HITTING OUT... KHALID ANSARI:

Intimidation or legitimate?

THE question on the lips of even those remotely concerned with the game of cricket is: did the tactics of Michael Holding, the toast of the Caribbean, in the final Test about which Bishen Bedi has said, "It was not so much a match as a war," amount to intimidation?

To answer the question fairly and correctly it is necessary to examine Law 46 which states:

"The persistent bowling of fast, short pitched balls at the batsman is unfair if, in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's end, it constitutes a systematic attempt at intimidation. In such an event, if it continues, the bowler's end umpire must first caution the bowler, then inform the fielding captain and the other umpire and if it continues, call dead ball, instruct the captain to take the bowler off, the bowler being not able to bowl again in the innings."

If we are to accept Lloyd's version, the Indian batsmen were themselves to be blamed for injuries insofar as they were frightened and technically ill-equipped to face the thunderbolts of local hero Holding who should now rank among the fastest in the world.

This point of view is supported by John Arlott who says, "Indeed, by the standard of modern Test cricket they (the West Indians) have been temperate in not employing that weapon (bouncers) to any great extent until now."

Says he, "The persistent use of the bouncer is virtually confined to Test cricket where careers are made and broken, publicity, standing and high income created. Indian batsmen of the modern period are invariably at a disadvantage against high pace because none exists in their domestic cricket and they encounter it only in other countries at Test level."

But Arlott also feels that the alternative is to prepare pitches of such pace, life or sympathy to spin that bowlers could beat batsmen by the traditional skill and, therefore, did not need to resort to intimidation.

On the other hand we have the opinions of Tony Cozier and the cricket correspondent of the Jamaica Daily Gleaner, both of who maintain that Holding overused the bouncer, at times upto four times in an over. They maintain that umpire Gosselin at Holding's end would have been justified in cautioning Holding on this score.

The subject of intimidatory bowling has been a vexed one for quite some time now. The problem stems from the vague definition of a bouncer vis-a-vis a fast short-pitched delivery, when a bouncer, a fast bowler's legitimate weapon may be termed intimidatory bowling and the vast discretionary powers which vest in the umpires in the matter of

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PLUS REGULAR FEATURES

COVER: One of the successes of the twin-tour and one who has at last proved his tremendous batting potential—Brijesh Patel. Transparency: Hosey Mistry.

interpretation. But while the arbiters and law-makers at cricket headquarters have been seemingly more concerned with the semantics of the problem, a young cricketer (Martin Bedkoher) has lost his life in Australia and another, Ewan Chatfield, of New Zealand came close to losing his, as did our own Nari Contractor in the West Indies in 1962.

In our opinion the essence of intimidation is danger to life and limb. Chauvinism and fierce nationalistic pride put a premium on winning at all cost but intimidation should be viewed in relation to the ability of the batsman to handle bouncers safely. This is precisely why, traditionally, bouncers have been frowned upon when bowled at tailenders.

We submit, therefore, that ridge or no ridge (Bedi denies there was one) the 90 m.p.h. potentially lethal and persistent bouncers of Holding, delivered with a high arm action, around the wicket, were intimidatory to the technically ill-equipped Indian batsmen, who are slow to get in line or move away from the ball — although, they may not have been so against the Australians or even

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SURRENDER!

KINGSTON:

INDIA conceded defeat in an unprecedented manner before tea on the fourth day of the fourth and decisive Test which was scheduled to last six days at Sabina Park here. The West Indies thus clinched the series 2-1.

There was a shock in store for the big crowd when at the fall of Venkatraghavan's wicket the players were signalled in. India's second innings, cruising along at 96 for two, suddenly slumped to 97 for 5 and an abrupt end. What most people did not know was that Bedi and Chandrasekhar were also nursing injuries and which would prevent them batting. But to many, Bedi's action was plain and simple: Indians had had enough and were calling it quits.

Bedi emphasised later that he had not declared but that he simply had no more fit men to send in. When he himself failed to take the field for the brief West Indies second innings, speculation was

as fast and as dangerously as any one I have seen anywhere.

By the time the last ball was bowled all 17 of the Indian touring party had taken the field sometime or the other including the use of five substitutes for the 11 balls of the West Indies second innings. Cricket statisticians will have a field day checking to see if this has ever happened before, but I strongly doubt it.

This Test will always be remembered for the way fortunes fluctuated. India seemed to have foiled Lloyd's gamble of putting them in after winning the toss. The dedication and application with which Gaekwad, Gavaskar and Mohinder Amarnath batted clearly showed that the Indians meant business and wanted to last out the six days. A first-day total of 178 for one, though slow by international standards, was a solid foundation on which India hoped to build a good total. But the new ball taken at 199 for one on the second morn-

Cable from TONY COZIER

rife that his action was a form of protest against what he himself described as "not so much a match as war".

Bedi admitted at the press conference afterwards that he had declared the first innings "in disgust", but he said he had no option in the second innings. Whether we accept this or not it did seem on the surface that the Indians had called it quits.

The crowd feeling a sense of denial and unsure of the circumstances of the sudden end to the Indian second innings showed their displeasure by booing the Indians when they took the field for the final rites. Bedi was conspicuous by his absence and even though he told the press that he did not feel his presence was necessary, it only served to heighten the speculation and arguments around the ground. All this did little to improve India's image, which had certainly got tarnished.

This was a pity because they had shown tremendous courage and determination all the way through in their vain effort to keep in the match and the series.

Gaekwad, particularly, Gavaskar and Vengsarkar all batted with great application despite the general hostility of Holding bowling

ing provided the breakthrough the West Indies badly needed.

Holding, with the new ball, managed to get disconcerting lift from only fractionally short of a good length. The pitch had become greener overnight and Holding, with his high action constantly got the ball to rise from a spot scarcely five yards from the batsman. Two such deliveries got him wickets and also caused Gaekwad to be hit twice on the fingers and, eventually, on the stroke of lunch, on the face just near his left ear. That was a sad end to a very defiant innings as Gaekwad did not return to the crease.

Amarnath went fending off a rising ball in Holding's third over. Viswanath, who was earlier allowed one to go off his gloves, received an identical ball to the one that got Amarnath which brought an identical reaction and an identical result.

Fortunately for India, there was little support for Holding from the other end, Daniel wasn't accurate and was called four times in his five overs with the second new ball for over-stepping.

The West Indies began with a flourish—and got their best opening stand for some time, Roy Fredericks, Rowe and Richards taking them to 186 for one



Michael Holding ... in agony here at being denied a caught-behind verdict ... certainly caused a lot of pain in the Indian camp on his first Test before his home crowd

when Chandrasekhar checked them with some superb bowling. Chandrasekhar removed Richards, Kallicharman, Lloyd and Julien in the space of 27 balls and the West Indies slumped to 217 for six. But Murray, as he has so often done in recent years, together with Holding and Holder frustrated India's hopes.

One however must not forget the skilful exhibition of off-spin bowling by Venkatraghavan. He tolled on and on, keeping the batsmen in a tight rein and surely deserved more than two wickets for his lion-hearted display. Add this to the bowling of Chandrasekhar, the batting of Gaekwad, Mohinder Amarnath and young Dilip Vengsarkar and you are left with the feeling that Bedi by his action let them down.



Mohinder Amarnath ... went down with all his guns firing in India's hour of despair

INTIMIDATION—what they say . . .

THE fourth Test between India and West Indies at Sabina Park, Kingston ended on a rather acrimonious note with skipper Bedi leaving the West Indies only 13 runs for a win on the fourth day. The match was marred by injuries to several Indian batsmen — at one stage, there were five substitutes on the field — and many alleged that the umpires had allowed Michael Holding to get away with plain murder on a lightning fast wicket. Was this really so? SPORTSWEEK asked a panel of eminent India cricketers for their views. They were asked to answer two questions: (a) Was Lloyd right in persisting with Holding and his intimidatory tactics? (b) Was Bedi right in doing what he did in the second innings? Here are their answers . . .

NARI CONTRACTOR: Judging from what one has read and heard

over the radio, there seemed to be a number of bouncers and beamers even on the first day itself when we got through to a comfortable position. It was then that a protest should have been lodged if one had to be made at all. After all, when the West Indies' chips were down, with India in a strong position, you couldn't expect them to take it lying down, could you?

Again, what made the umpires task very difficult was that the ball was rising from a ridge on the pitch, about five yards from the crease, if Tony Cozier is to be believed. Now, if the ball was rising from that particular spot, what has Holding to do? If, say in every over, three balls rose from that spot — which was only five yards from the bat — and one was a genuine short-of-a-length bouncer, how could the umpires have de-

cided to penalise Holding for 'excessive' bumpers?

If the ball rises from a ridge five yards away from the crease, how can one call that a bouncer? And to ask Holding not to utilise that ridge would be like asking Bedi or Prasanna or Chandra not to pitch into a patch about three yards from the bat from where they are getting additional spin. Would that be fair? Obviously not. Then why blame Holding? If the ball flies from that spot, it's but natural that he'd want to take full advantage of it.

I feel that it was in the fitness of things that if Bedi could bowl and field he could also have batted. Even if he didn't bat, he should have led the side out in the Windies' second knock. Basically I am unhappy that the innings was closed. I would have loved to continue on p 10

EDITORIAL

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West Indian batsmen who have the requisite technical ability to face bumpers.

Holding can hardly be blamed for the shortcomings of the Indian batsmen but then surely human life is more precious than the winning of a cricket Test by any means.

It's hardly our intention to squeal over our defeat but the facts, as reported by our correspondents, must be viewed in proper perspective. It is during situations of the type which obtained at Sabina Park that the arguments of the advocates of neutral umpires even for a 'gentleman's game' which cricket is supposed to be, gain added weight.

Board president Ram Prakash Mehra has eloquently denounced the 'atom bombs' and 'nuclear weapons' employed by the West Indies. It is significant that these were resorted to when the match seemed to be slipping out of the hands of Lloyd who was already under great pressure after West Indies' unexpected reverse at Port of Spain. Having reportedly prepared an extra fast track on a side strip and having packed the side with four pace

bowlers, the events which took place with India in the driver's seat at 191 for one were hardly surprising. Can we expect the Board president to take up the sorry episode as vehemently and eloquently with the International Cricket Conference when it meets at Lord's in a few months from now?

And more importantly, will the Cricket Board at last wake up and do something in the matter of producing effective pace bowlers of our own not only for their own sake but also to provide invaluable practice to our batsmen — a plea which finds more detailed expression in the latest issue of SPORTSWEEK's World of Cricket.

Bedi's much-debated decision to 'declare' or 'close' the second innings notwithstanding, our lads have emerged with much credit from the arduous twin tours. The future of Indian cricket appears bright once again. So rally round, ye cricket aficionados and roll out the red carpet for your heroes. Bedi and his gallant lads return home from the fray bruised and contused but strong in spirit. They have done India proud.

BACK TO LORD'S...



A new star rose at Lord's recently and on his debut he had a very impressive haul of wickets . . . David Steele (left), Dennis Amiss and Alan Ward. At right is the new bowler Paddy Clift

Deep in the Long Room at Lord's a few feet from the blackened, gnarled bat of "Long Bob" Robinson, of Hambledon and Surrey, an old man snoozes lightly.

And from the shade of a thickly blossomed cherry tree at the back of the pavilion you hear the burr of John Arlott.

Cricket is back again. Lord's, impeccably dressed and with not a silver hair out of place, sparkles in the sunshine, and for a thinly sprinkled gathering of retired officers, truant bank clerks and well-scrubbed schoolboys life in its fullest sense, can begin again.

Lord's, of course, has long basked in the reverence of world cricket, its pomp acceptable because it comes on such a grand, unblinking scale.

But few tributes have been as emphatic as the one from a Melbourne businessman sitting quite alone in the shadow of Father Time watching cricket at Lord's for the first time.

When he turns from the reverie it is startling to see that his face actually glows, and he tells you: "All my life I've wanted to see cricket at Lord's, but I never thought it was such a dinkum joint."

And you know truly that the season is with us when John Arlott relates the first cricket yarn to amuse him.

It concerns John Murray and Pat Pocock. Pocock appears at the wicket in spectacles. Murray queries the matter, and Pocock snaps: "I'm going deaf, you know."

Two overs later Fred Titmus gets one to turn. Pocock finds the stumps gently disrupted. Murray nods sadly, and says: "You certainly didn't hear that one."

It is a good, brisk start by the man from Hampshire.

—JAMES LAWTON

Paddy whacks Test men

LONDON:

A NEW young quick bowler took eight for 17 on his Lord's debut sounds like encouraging news for English cricket at the start of the new season.

Unfortunately it isn't. Paddy Clift, Leicester's 22-year-old recruit, comes from Rhodesia. And seven of his M.C.C. victims were England Test players.

Nor did he need the assistance of any of his county colleagues. Five of his dismissals were bowled, the other three lbw.

It all added up to a sensational start for the well-built youngster from Salisbury who came to England with ideas about joining Sussex.

Then Brian Davison, introduced him to Grace Road. He went on a six-month trial and was quick to accept their offer of an immediate registration and three-year contract in succession to departing Australian Graham McKenzie.

"It just happened that I was there when Garth left," said the modest Clift after his big triumph. "I've been lucky really."

So has Leicester on this evidence. They could offer Clift only one first-class match last season—against the Australians—and though he did well with the bat he failed to take a wicket in five overs.

So it was a revelation. He had already removed Middlesex captain Mike Brearley and night watchman Pat Pocock in one over the day before.

Now he tore through the dream of the M.C.C. batting—David Steele (0), David Lloyd (0), Bob Woolmer (3) and Dennis Amiss (36) in 10 overs before lunch; Phil

Edmonds (23) and Alan Ward (1) in 5.5 overs afterwards.

"The main thing was they didn't bat very well," said Clift. "The wicket wasn't doing much."

"What surprised me was the slope. You don't expect that sort of thing at Lord's. It's really pronounced when you're running in to bowl from the pavilion end."

"I just concentrated on length and line and the ball kept coming back down the slope and tending to keep low. I also had three lbw decisions, which proved it was my day."

Clift's modesty should not detract from an exceptional start which supports skipper Ray Illingworth's view that his championship and cup-winning side of last season could be even stronger this time.

He is big and strong with a deceptive action that produces surprising pace off the pitch.

—PAT GIBSON

New-look Barlow is here

DERBYSHIRE last week unveiled their shiny, new 1976 model Eddie Barlow.

The new-look Barlow is the £72-a-day world cricket superstar—his glasses gone, hair fashionably longer, smiling, articulate. No longer the grim reaper of runs and wickets we knew in 1970.

South African Barlow, the 35-year-old allrounder, has joined

Derbyshire on a £10,000-a-year, three-year contract. His task is to lift the county's cricketing fortunes from the dales to the peaks.

And, as he joined his new teammates in the nets, he insisted that the £10,000 tag would not prove a burden.

He said: "I don't see this as something which is going to worry me or affect my form.

"What matters is that I have come to play cricket in England. I'm looking forward to playing against top international players from England, the West Indies, Australia and so on.

"I have played Test cricket for South Africa so, unlike some of the younger players in my country, I know what we are missing."

Barlow replaced his glasses by contact lenses 18 months ago and believes they have improved his game.

Is he still world class? "I have been satisfied with my recent form against the Australian big guns, Lillee, Gilmour and Hurst," he answers confidently.

—DEREK HODGSON



Fred—by Ulyett

THOUSANDS of cricket fans will remember how dramatically Freddie Trueman got his 300th Test wicket against Australia at The Oval in 1964.

What they don't know is the inside story of how he did it—quite literally by grabbing the ball out of skipper Ted Dexter's hands and putting himself on to bowl against the captain's wishes.

Colin Cowdrey, who was in the match, tells the story in "M.C.C.—The Autobiography of a Cricketer."

Freddie, on 297 when he entered the Test, coveted that 300 Test wickets mark. But the flagging pace of advancing years and over-anxiety made him bowl atrociously on the Saturday morning, so Dexter took him off.

Trueman stumped to short-leg cursing his luck and in the play that followed England got begged down.

Dexter, despairingly tossing the ball from hand to hand between overs, said to Cowdrey: "We must

Think again, Tony

ENGLAND captain Tony Greig has returned from his dollar-earning tour of Australia with plenty to say — not all of it palatable.

His assertion that English cricket should be reshaped on Australian lines is understandable from his point of view, following a highly-successful winter out there.

But his latest salvo will be most upsetting in English cricket quarters.

Greig says he has already made plans to return to Australia next winter, although M.C.C. have an official tour to India then.

While it has been generally accepted over the years that England cricketers look for any excuse to opt out of tours to that sub-continent, it is alarming that England's current captain is already making his priorities well known.

Personally, I find his arguments for putting a return to Australia first rather ridiculous!

In the first place, Greig says he cannot take for granted the fact that he will be selected for the tour of India; secondly, he feels Australia affords far better conditions to improve his off-spinning technique, than the pitch at Hove.

As I see it, there is no way Greig will not be selected for the

Indian tour. And if he feels his future is in bowling spinners, there is no better place to prove his point than on the receptive Indian pitches.

Any doubts? Ask Bedi, Prasanna, Venkatraghavan and Chandrasekhar. They'll readily verify he couldn't do better than on Indian pitches.

Of course, if Greig had happened to say that by foregoing the Indian tour for another winter in Australia his income would increase tenfold, at least we could applaud his honesty.

No one is more delighted than I to see our cricketers at last getting some just rewards for their labours.

But somewhere along the line allegiance to English cricket is vital!

He arrived here as an unknown young South African with undoubted talent and blossomed into an international star, thanks to English cricket.

Three of his colleagues — Derek Underwood, John Edrich and Dennis Amiss — have done a tremendous job for our cricket in every sense of the word and nobody could possibly begrudge the £100,000 tax-free rewards that, collectively, have come their way.

So think again, Tony!

—JIM LAKER

Mutiny . . . and a bounty

try something different, any ideas?"

He had no thought to bring Trueman back. But at that moment Freddie, hearing the conversation, simply hijacked the England bowling.

"I'm going to bowl," he announced snatching the ball from his captain's hand and strode towards the sightscreen to begin his run.

"Short of actually starting a punch-up in the very centre of a Test pitch, Dexter could do nothing," recalls Cowdrey.

Trueman's first three deliveries were wildly inaccurate but the last two were just enough on target to earn him another over. The rest was story-book stuff.

With the fifth ball of the last over before lunch he knocked out Redpath's stump and then had McKenzie flashing a catch which Cowdrey held at slip.

The hat-trick eluded him but with his tail up all his old skill and fire came flooding back. He got his

300th wicket that afternoon and went on to take 307 in his Test career.

It seems to be the only recorded case of mutiny on a Test pitch—and mutiny which paid a bounty.

One revelation practically qualifies as a world scoop. Why did the late Duke of Norfolk make it a condition of his managing the 1962-63 MCC side in Australia that he would be allowed home for a fortnight in mid-tour?

I suppose most people guessed it was due to some official commitment in connection with his title of Earl Marshal, if they thought about it at all. So it was. But who could have imagined precisely what? He was, in fact, presiding over a rehearsal of Sir Winston Churchill's funeral procession—an event that took place once every three months in the early hours of the morning when the streets of London were deserted, in the years before he died.

—PETER GROSVENOR

TIPS TO YOUNG CRICKETERS — 17

CRICKETERS have a way of manoeuvring or drifting into their favourite fielding positions, like I did. They usually end up in the places which make them happy. If they are unhappy about occupying a certain position, a good skipper usually can sort it out for them.

I tried to avoid fielding in the slips when I was young, but since the day when NSW skipper Keith Miller stood me there against the accepted etiquette of the game (I was only on the field as a substitute) I have studied the position with increasing fascination.

A good slip fieldsman senses a catch just a fraction earlier than a bad one, and this anticipation stems mainly from concentration. From first slip I watched the ball all the way and from the pitch of the ball I judged if the batsman was to it — if he did not quite reach the pitch of the ball, you might get a catching chance off the edge.

Most good slip fieldsmen get more satisfaction from slow bowling because catches from fast bowlers are easier to take. With the fast bowlers you stand there and wait at the catches as they come. Slow bowling chances are a lot harder to take and for that reason more rewarding.

One of the most vital factors in taking slip catches is to stand at the right place. Often when I pass through public parks I see young-

sters standing in positions in which they could not possibly take a catch.

The practice adopted by first class sides is to stagger the fieldsmen behind the wicket. The wicket-keeper stands a yard in front of first slip, second slip a yard in front of third slip, third slip a yard in front of fourth slip, if any. In this way if a man in front misses a chance the man behind him might get a crack at it. Far too many cricketers, even in first grade, stand in line in the slips, which means they cannot cover nearly as much ground as those in the staggered formation.

For me the best results came from standing as still as possible so that I had a better chance of sighting the ball. Often, though, I have taken catches which had no idea of getting to — I study with amazement pictures of myself diving or catching the ball after it has passed me. In first slip I stood on a line with the outside edge of the popping crease, and this meant that the wicketkeeper and I were about five feet apart. It was essential that I gave him plenty of room to move and I came to rely on his judgement in leaving me to take my catches without interference, or snatching gloves obstructing my way.

Hold your hands cupped, fingers pointing towards the grass, but with the fingertips of each hand in a line. Your hands should be at right angles to the path the ball

will travel into them. Players who hold their fingertips towards the ball are called "duck flappers" and apart from hurt fingers few of them ever catch anything important.

Good catchers have "soft" hands, the sense which enable them to "suck" the ball into their fingers and palms. Those with "hard" hands catch the ball more on the rebound than in hands which "give" or relax in the fingers and wrist as the ball arrives. Hard-handed players take the ball with a resounding smack, but a great catcher like Neil Harvey never seemed to make a whisper as he plucked the ball from the air.

I often let the chance that came straight at my chest, that my body and then I clutched the ball to my torso. I don't miss them this way. I cannot recall dropping more than a couple using this method in my entire career. Many top class players use this method..

The chest high catches are the toughest, although they look the easiest from the crowd, far harder than catches you take with a dive. I took a pace or two backward when a batsman slashed at a ball. Generally this is the only hope you have of catching a slash because they usually come to you head high and up close you have no chance of pulling them down.

Bobby Simpson in
Cricket — the
Australian Way



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The day runs flowed

the English bowlers had not lost hope — yet.

Then out to the wicket strode Australia's skipper Don Bradman to join the man who had opened the innings, Sidney Barnes.

These two brilliant batsmen came together on Monday and when stumps were drawn that evening they were still together, after scoring well against a varied England attack.

When Sid Barnes was in the mood there was no greater batsman in the world — unless it was his captain, Donald Bradman.

Barnes and Bradman, striding out from the Sydney pavilion to resume their unbroken partnership on the Tuesday morning, must have been a heart-breaking sight to the England bowlers and fielders. Soon the runs began to flow once more from the batsmen.

From 252 at the start of play, the

score mounted to 300, then 400. By mid-afternoon it was approaching 500 and still there was no sign of a break for the leg-weary England team.

But the break did come. Late in the afternoon, with the scoreboard showing 564, "The Don" was dismissed leg-before by Norman Yardley. In the very next over it was 564 for 6 wickets — Barnes caught Jack Ikin off Alec Bedser. It was the end of a truly magnificent fifth wicket stand.

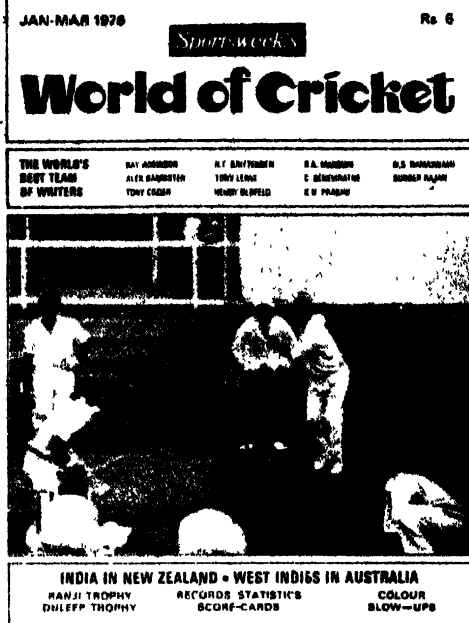
And both men were dismissed for the same individual total of 234, but not before they had added 405 runs for a new world and Test fifth wicket record.

Sidney Barnes was at the wicket for 10 hours and 40 minutes. Donald Bradman for 6 hours 30 minutes. To the England bowlers and fielders it must have seemed like a lifetime.

ONE of the finest of all cricket records was set up on Tuesday December 17, 1946. It was the fourth day of the second Test match between Australia and England at Sydney — a day the English bowlers would like to forget.

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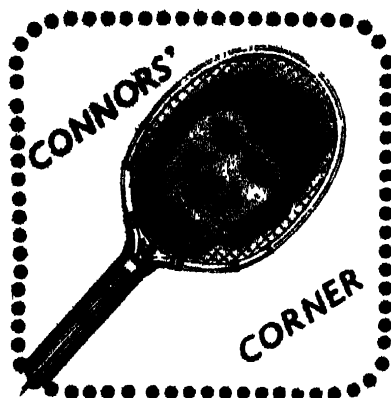
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IMPRESSIONS



WHEREVER I travel in America it's almost a certainty that I will be corralled by a group of young sluggers who are eager to learn not how Arthur Ashe powers his blistering serve or how Chris Evert musters the determination to endlessly patrol the baseline, but how and where the players launched their careers.

All American professionals, and a surprising number of foreign players, have battled their way through a network of youth, junior and NCAA tournaments that are linked by a yearly series of divisional competitions and play-offs.

While in many countries amateurs are hard-pressed to find experienced coaching and practice centres, American junior and collegiate players have been favoured with the best teaching, facilities and organisation offered anywhere in the world.

The 17 local sections of the United States Tennis Association are responsible for junior tournaments that lead to the Boys and Girls National 16-and 18-year-old championships.

The Boys 16s and 18s, which has

been held in Kalamazoo, Mich., for the past 33 years, assembles juniors from as far away as San Juan and Honolulu for 10 crazy days of tennis filled with excitement, anxiety, fatigue and friendship.

Kalamazoo is a young player's baptism of fire into tough national competition. For many, the opposition is overwhelming, and bloated dreams of superstardom are quickly washed away. But for the fittest handful who surface from the crowd, the event is a big boost in confidence and in the national rankings.

The listing of Kalamazoo's champions and near-champions reads like a current "Who's Who" of pro tennis. Stan Smith, Brian Gottfried,

Jimmy Connors will contribute a weekly column starting with this issue — a SPORTSWEEK exclusive

Erik Van Dillen and Raul Ramirez are past National 18 champions. Ramirez won in 1971 as a freshman at the University of Southern California.

In 1968 I was fortunate to win the 16-year-olds tournament. At the 18-year-olds event in 1970 I took a bad loss in the semi-finals. Grippled by frustration and disappointment, I tossed a racket through the window of my motel room — a deed I paid for and have always regretted.

Once out of the junior status, the next stepping stone to national and world recognition for a

promising amateur is the NCAA Championship. The National Collegiate Tennis Championships is the NCAA's oldest competition, and for the past 91 years has been the battlefield for up to 80 college teams to face-off in the two grueling midsummer weeks.

Teams gain points according to the advancement of individual players in the singles and doubles draw. Depending upon the size of the field, which usually numbers over 200, the singles champion must win six straight matches.

With singles and doubles running back-to-back, night and day, demanding players to compete in two and three matches under a hot summer sun, the NCAA Nationals is regarded as one of the five toughest tournaments in the world.

Success here is another precursor of world-class ability, but even a berth in the semi-finals is a good indicator of superior strength and talent.

Billy Martin, a fellow two-fisted swinger, emerged from the amateur ranks as "most likely to succeed" in '76. Billy is the only player of late to win the National 16s, 18s and the Wimbledon junior championship.

This past July he ripped through the NCAA Nationals in Corpus Christi, Tex., and then plunged into the pro world. His performances have created a big stir among tennis watchers who are billing him as "the next Connors."

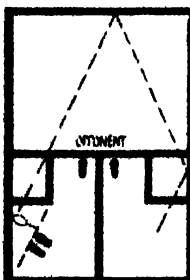
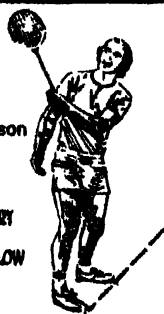
Another Connors? The world just isn't ready for it.

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Cross-court drive

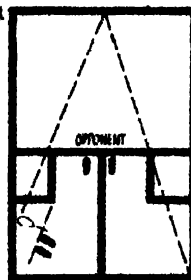
Words by Britain's senior national coach, Tony Swift
Techniques by Bryan Patterson

THE FOOTWORK CAN BE ALTERED SLIGHTLY FOR THE BEGINNER, SO THAT AN IMAGINARY LINE BETWEEN THE TOES WOULD BE THE LINE THAT THE BALL WILL FOLLOW ACROSS THE COURT



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trol and therefore more likely to be of good width.

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A good cross-court shot will take your opponent from the "T" and allow you to regain a dominating position.

When champions stop winning...

by MIKE
LUPICA

In an age when "Weird is Wonderful" even the biggest names can become head cases

HHEAD CASES. Tennis is infested with them. Young ones and old ones, men and women, lefties, righties, Rumanians. Harmless flakes and outrageous eccentrics. Downright, up front crazies. No one is immune. Maybe there should be some kind of vaccination. Nowadays in the sport the pattern is clear. Weird is wonderful. We are into the age of "Whacko liberation."

It's very simple. You cannot be a professional tennis player in the 1970s if you do not have the allotted number of toys in your attic. Your head must have the tennis-worlds quota of dark-corridors and locked doors and little bitty men running around. You have to have a power failure now and then.

And becoming a head case is perhaps the most serious malaise which can affect the modern player, much worse than any bad elbow, shoulder, wrist, knee or mother. There are no Filipino faith healers for the head.

When a player who always thought of him/herself as being normal suddenly becomes a head case, it is no joking matter. Nor is it when a game is affected to the point where a career is jeopardised. Then this business of being a head case becomes frightening, costly, totally perplexing and occasionally permanently damaging.

In the last few years, the head case virus has become practically an epidemic for some of the sports more prominent names. Like Stan Smith and Ilie Nastase . . .

There are degrees of slumps which result from being a head case. Perhaps the longest, and most mystifying, is the blue funk in which Stan Smith has found himself since winning the WCT championship in Dallas in 1973.

Smith-watchers point to different events in trying to fix the exact time when an awesome 6' 4" machine broke down. Some think it was the five-set loss to Jan Kodes in the semi-finals of the 1973 US Open. Others think it was his loss to John Newcombe in the Davis Cup final that same year; Smith double-faulted at match point in that tilt, which greased the skids for a 5-0 Aussie blitz. Still others think it was his unforgettable loss to Ken Rosewall in the 1974 Wimbledon semis, when Stan was up 2-0 in sets and serving at 5-3 in the third before losing.

And there are those who simply think that from the May day in Dallas when he won WCT, Stan Smith played too damn much tennis.

Cut to the first round at Wimbledon, 1975. It is twilight, when the All-England Club takes on a gloomy majesty. Most of the day's matches have been concluded. But out on Court No. 3 Smith is playing out the tragedy which his career has become. Nearly three years removed from the day when he won his sport's most coveted prize at the same club, Smith is losing a first round match to Byron Betram, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.

Margie Smith is watching from a solitary corner of the veranda of the players tea room. She is watching alone, she says, because "when something like this happens, people treat you like there's been a death in the family or something."

"If it was anyone but him," she says. "He is just too nice." Her husband has fallen as far as he can fall in his sport. "It's too many things," a shaken Smith would say later, moving quickly through the crowd; head high, on his way to the car that would take him away from Wimbledon. "I don't know . . . I just don't know."

George Toley, Smith's coach, got to his first Wimbledon in time to watch his protege's most humiliating collapse. Toley could see only one solution. "He has got to go back to square one," Toley said. "He's just got to go back to fundamentals and not even think about winning matches."

This is much easier said than done for a player of Smith's stature. Denis Ralston is Smith's good friend, and his former Davis Cup captain. Ralston, a bad boy of the early 1960s, is sort of a head case emeritus, a player whose knee injury and ill temper occasionally set some toys loose in his own attic. Ralston has his own theory about Smith.

"No one expected him to lose," Ralston says. "When he did begin to lose, that made the pressure that much greater." Ralston does not discount the important losses to Kodes, Newcombe and Rosewall, saying: "One or two losses of that proportion tend to stay with you." Ralston also cites the nagging shoulder and elbow problems



Stan Smith . . . breakdown of a giant machine

which have bothered Stan off and on, and the overplaying, and the plain fact that Smith has always to work at tennis, not possessing the natural gifts of so many of his contemporaries. But even before Smith won the Australian Indoors in October Ralston was predicting that Smith had a much better chance to break out of his slump than some other players might.

"He has always been willing to work," Ralston says "When you get into one of those, those things, then you better be willing to work your tail off to get out of it. You've got to practice longer than everybody else, and more often. You've got to get yourself into a strict programme. You've got to concentrate on tennis, and try not to be bothered by too many outside attractions Stan can"

After winning the Australian Indoors, Smith, who has never really relished discussion of his particular head case, was quoted simply as saying, "Now maybe everyone will stop blaming my wife for this thing," referring to the coincidence of his marriage and the slump. Stan could joke again. Maybe he thought his ordeal was over, finally. The very next week, he hurt his elbow in Perth, and had to withdraw from the tournament there.

The Nastase is not hungry any more at least not for winning tennis matches. He may be hungry for chaos and controversy and attention — most 12 year olds are — but somewhere along the mean streets he has travelled these last few years he has forgotten how to win, and become a genius at figuring out ways to lose.

"I am stupid, stupid, stupid," he will say furiously after he has donated another match as charity.



Ilie Nastase . not hungry for wins any more

as he did to Manuel Orantes at the US Open And the Canadian Open And to other players in other places from Bucharest to Bournemouth to Washington. Nastase is the classic example of how far the head case virus can progress if left unchecked. Even Nastase's last close friend in tennis, Jimmy Connors (an adolescent head case) privately admits that Nastase went "completely round the bend" in 1975, going into his technical tantrums at any time for any or no reason.

"He can't win any more," says

his business advisor Bill Riordan, watching Nastase gift wrap a match for Sherwood Stewart at last year's Wimbledon. His confidence is gone. All the nonsense is just veneer."

So perhaps that is all it is, confidence, the belief for a player that he can do the things he has to do when he has to do them. And perhaps desire, too, the honest feeling of wanting to win. Perhaps it is these things, and many, many others. Or perhaps it is none of them.

Courtesy World Tennis

R. M. Puttanna—RIP

'WINNER trained by R. M. Puttanna'. These words will never appear anymore, for the icy hands of death snatched away this loved and respected trainer and owner on the night of April 14 at Madras. Death came after a prolonged illness.

Only 42 years old, Ramasumadra Mallappa Puttanna, in a short span of 13 years had sent out nearly 400 winners, most of them in the Classics, round the country.

It was in 1960 that Puttanna, a graduate from Central College, Bangalore entered the field of racing as an assistant to trainer B. P. Shivan. He soon became a full fledged trainer and his maiden success was through Prince of Rayon, ridden by Srinivas Reddy on September 22, 1963.

Puttanna never looked back after

that and blazed a trail of triumphs in racing centres all over the country and won Classics galore. His first Classic winner was Gladness, which won the Filles Trial Stakes at Bangalore in 1966.

The most outstanding horse that came through his stables was Mossy Bear (Pa Bear Mossy Fell). Mossy Bear won 18 races in all before being retired to the stud. In the 1967-68 Calcutta season, Mossy Bear won the 2,000 Guineas, the Derby and the St. Leger, all under the handling of jockey Wally Swinburn.

The following season, again at Calcutta, Mossy Bear ran away with the Calcutta Gold Cup, the Nepal Gold Cup and the Queen Elizabeth Cup. Here in Bangalore Mossy Bear won the Mysore Cup (now renamed Governor's Cup) for



three successive years in 1968, '69 and '70.

From 1971 to '73 Puttanna took his wards to Madras for the winter races and then came over to Bangalore. The winter seasons of Bangalore (1973-74 and 74-75) saw Puttanna emerge as champion trainer and he repeated this performance in the 1974 and '75 Summer Meetings.

—R. ARVINDAM

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Powerlifters assert a right

FIFTY powerlifters from five states gave the lie to the Indian Weightlifting Federation's claim that it is the sole body controlling powerlifting in the country. It was not defiance that officials and participants in the first National Powerlifting Championships showed in Calcutta's Ashutosh College hall. They merely asserted their right to practise a sport that the IWF ignored until it learnt that there were plums to be had.

Even as the Nationals were being staged, the IWF, in a statement from Cochin, said it would organise a powerlifting championship in Calcutta in June. This is quite ridiculous and certainly an untenable claim, because the International Powerlifting Federation has refused recognition to the Indian Weightlifting Federation when it surreptitiously tried to gain membership of the world body. The IWF secretary, Gopal Khanra, had known all along that the Indian Powerlifting Federation had already been officially formed and had become a full-fledged member of the international organisation controlling the sport.

Suppressing this fact, he issued a circular to all constituent units of the IWF to refrain from participating in any competition organised by the IPF. Several units were misled by this circular and did not come forward to affiliate themselves with the IPF. Now that the truth has come out, nine states have formed separate powerlifting

bodies. By the end of this year, the number of affiliates could go up to at least twelve. The present IPF units are located in West Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Vidharba. Associations are now being formed in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa and Tripura.

Being an altogether new sport, all the associations could not muster enough participants for the Calcutta Nationals. But fifty participants in the very first year is an encouraging start.

Now, with the muscling tactics of the IWF, the future of powerlifting in the country is in jeopardy. All these years, when four world championships have been held in powerlifting, the IWF did nothing to even introduce the game in the country, leave alone promote it. But now, when the powerlifting body has succeeded after strenuous efforts for over a year in promoting the sport, the IWF wants to step in.

The immediate reason for this is the IPF plan to select powerlifters for the fifth Worlds to be held in USA, in November this year. If the Education Ministry grants permission for this trip, India will make its debut in this competition just two years after the sport came to the country. What the executive body of the Indian Weightlifting Federation is really interested in is the fact that officials will be accompanying the team!

Another important development is that the IPF has expressed interest in staging the sixth Worlds in India sometime next year. This, too, would need Government sanction, but that would not be too difficult to get if the Indian squad to New York performs well.

There is every possibility of the Indians doing well, because there were some very good performances in the first National. Some competitors, not yet well-versed with the rules, registered lifts that measured up to the fourth or fifth position recorded at the last world meet. There is no reason why, with sustained practice, these lifters should not do even better in New York.

These are the possibilities that one will have to consider. And yet, everything could get topsy turvy if the IWF tries to take control at this juncture. As in the case of women's cricket and football, there will be a period of uncertainty in the powerlifting arena. In the process, India may lose the opportunity of participating and hosting the world championship. One can only ask the IWF to lay its hands off. In twenty-eight years of existence, it has done nothing for weightlifting in India. Where does the country stand in international rankings in this sport?

The Indian Powerlifting Federation is doing a good job. It has some very conscientious officials and workers who are trying to spread the game to every part of the country. It would not be fair to ask them, at this juncture, to go to court to decide an issue that, legally as well as morally, has already been settled.

At the three-day National meet, West Bengal emerged champions with 158 points. Bihar finished second with 109.

The following were the results (the divisions are squat, bench-press, dead-lift): Fly—G. S. Molla (Bihar) 130-85-152.5 = 372.5. Bantam—R. Basak (Bihar) 135-95.5-180.1 = 412.6. Feather—Manas Manna (W.B.) 154+110+180 = 435. Light—Basudev Das (W.B.) 170+195+167.5 = 452.5. Middle—Indrajit Singh (Bihar) 155+125+207.5 = 487.5. Light-Heavy—S. N. Riven (Vidarbha) 145+150+180 = 475. Middle-Heavy—Ranjit Bose (W.B.) 130+90+160 = 380. Heavy—Samar Chanda (W.B.) 162.5+107.5+187.5 = 457.5. Super-Heavy—S. M. Jadhav 105+120+150 = 375.

—ARIJIT SEN



Basudev Das of West Bengal attempting a record squat in the light weight class

SRC WIN SHRIRAM HOCKEY

THE All-India Shriram Hockey Tournament has earned the reputation of being one of the best organised in the country. But it wasn't held last year because of differences among the organisers. However, the enthusiastic hockey-lovers of Kota presented a memorandum to Rajasthan Chief Minister Harideo Joshi, who wrote to DCM Group chief Dr. Bharat Ram and on whose initiative the tournament was revived.

The organisers had difficulty in obtaining dates for the tournament, but the IHF finally allotted them the first week of April. But these dates did not suit many teams and with the cream of hockey talent away at Patiala the tournament lacked lustre.

But the attitude of the Kota crowd was surprising. Having fought for the revival of the tournament they kept the stands bare once it was on. And till the quarter-final good hockey was absent.

The first semi-final between joint holders Western Railway and Northern Railway was marred by un-

savoury incidents and umpire Anand Prakash Chaturvedi was hit by Northern Railway's Sukhwant Singh. Harbinder Singh also struck the umpire after the match was over in protest against his decision to award a penalty-stroke to Western Railway in the second-half of extra-time. Balbir converted it and took his team to the final.

The organisers have debarred the Northern Railway team from participating in this tournament for two years. They have also written to the IHF to take stern action against Sukhwant Singh and Harbinder Singh.

The second semi between Army Supply Corps, Jullundur, and Sikh Regimental Centre, Meerut, ended in a flattering 2-0 extra-time victory for the Sikhs thanks to Kulwant Singh's hard-hit penalty-corner and Chimni's solo goal.

Sikh Regimental Centre beat Western Railway in the final through the none-too-convincing tie-breaker. But the Sikhs were deserving winners.

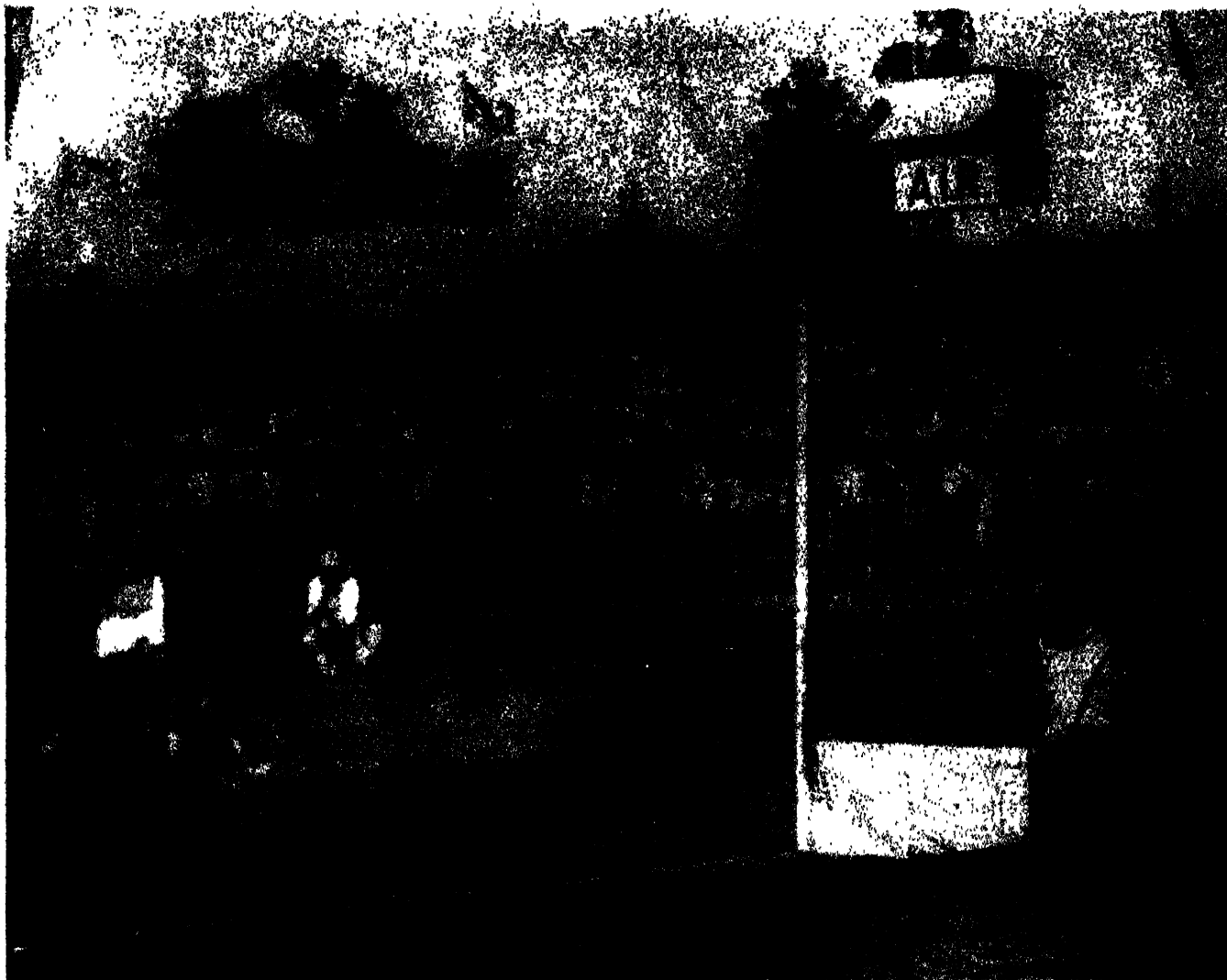
—PRAKASH BHANDARI



Didar Singh receives the trophy from Dr Bharat Ram

Sikh Regimental Centre players holding aloft the trophy





Balbir Singh scoring with a penalty push in the tie-breaker against SRC

A scene in the final — Western Railway's M. P. Singh is being charged by a SRC defender

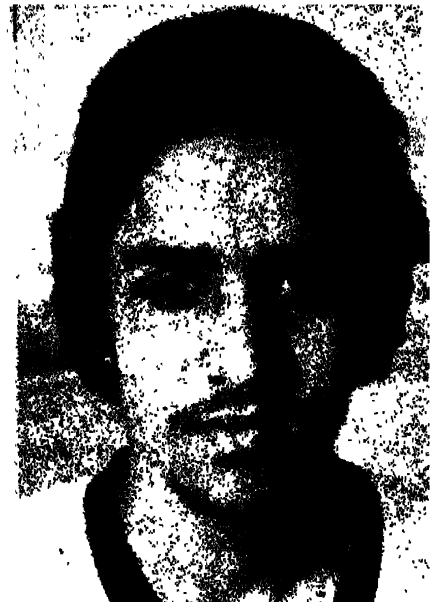




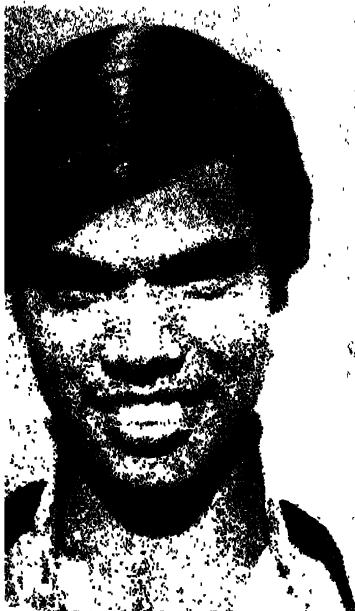
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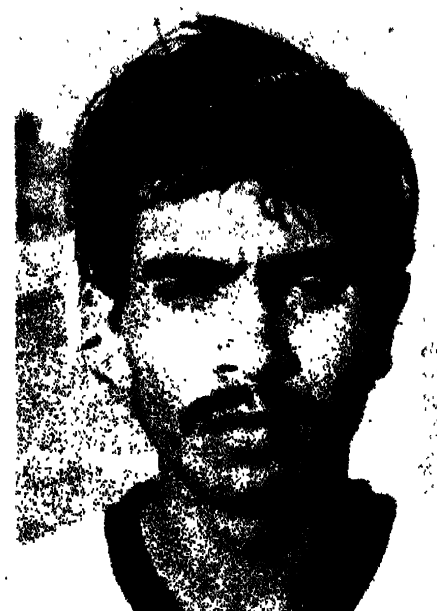
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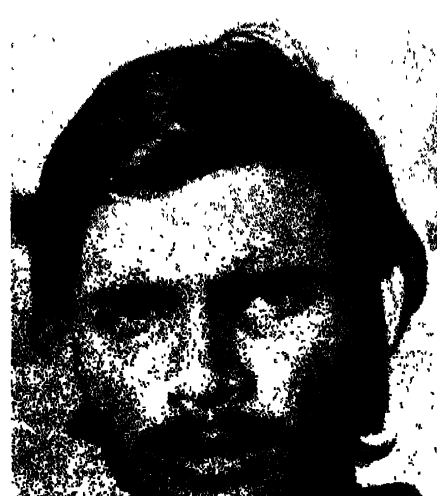
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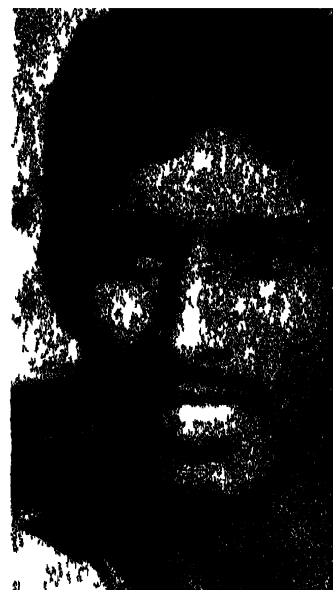
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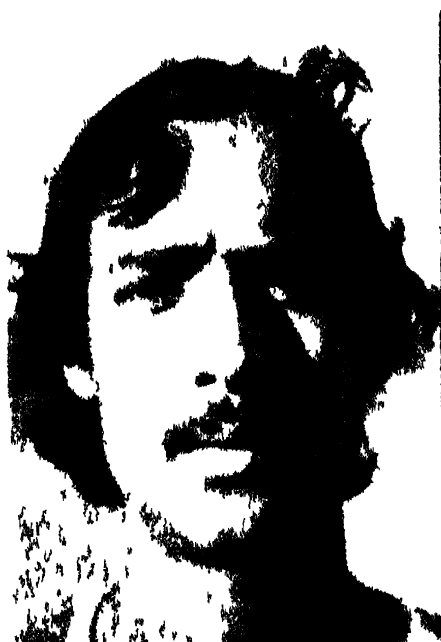
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by SHARP SHOOTER

A question of age

limit as their experience of senior football would knit the team better.

An encouraging feature of our entry into the Asian Youth of the last three or four years is the greater attention being paid to the preparation of the team. Indeed J. Kittu, chief coach at the National Institute of Sports, Patiala till he took over at the southern wing of the NIS at Bangalore, told me that in physical conditioning and powers of recovery the 1973 Youth team was superior to the senior team of the same year that played in the Merdeka tournament.

This, of course, has been possible because of the less demand on the younger players by clubs and tournament organisers. They have been available for longer periods of concentrated training and that from the start. Senior players are not all released at the time they are needed and hence they join training camps in batches.

They also come to the camps from tournament and are hence tired and often injured. In such a condition the men in charge of training camps have to allow for some time for these players to get into the right frame of mind, that is time they can ill afford.

The current team had had an even longer period of training, about two months, than any of their predecessors. They had the first phase at Patiala with Russian Vladimir Fedin to help them toughen up for international competitions with a heavy load of physical work. This preliminary condition-

ing made them fitter for longer stints of practice sessions in the second phase at Bangalore.

Fedin had to return to Russia soon after the Bangalore phase commenced in mid-March. But Kittu and Jarnail Singh built on his good work and made the boys familiar with tactical formations and their variations they will meet with and would have to counter.

A. T. Vijayanagam, AIFF secretary, who took charge only last November, does not look kindly on players and teams that give false ages to get into a state or national team. As secretary of the Karnataka State Football Association he even withdrew his state team from the Junior National as his committee and he were dissatisfied with the declaration of ages of some of the lads. He confessed that it would be difficult to screen every probable.

Now he must feel happy and even relieved that the World Youth meet is only for players between 16 and 18. As such he could persuade the AIFF members to keep this in view when picking the teams for the Junior National as well as for trials to pick the National team.

The National tournament that is proposed for boys under 16 will be a big help in shaping our teams for the Asian Youth. And when other Asian teams also adopt a similar outlook the AFC's Youth Tournament will conform in age limit to the European Youth Tournament.

THE Asian Football Confederation's XXth Youth Championship currently on in Bangkok will be more important to the participants, especially to the stronger ones than its predecessors. For the first two from this tournament, for which North Korea and China are making their debut, will qualify for the inaugural World Youth Championship to be conducted by the Tunisian Football Federation on behalf of the Federation Internationale de Football Association from June 27, 1977, to July 10, 1977.

Apart from sharing the title with Iran in 1974 at Bangkok, India's record in the Asian Youth has been nothing to shout about, though our teams in the sixties and at Tehran in 1973 had performed creditably.

Against this background it would be a great achievement if the current team led by Mohammed Bashaer, a medical student of Calicut University, and coached by Jarnail Singh reaches the final and earns one of the two places for the World tournament.

I am not saying that our team is not capable of the feat. But the pertinent point is how many of the present team would be eligible for the World event. The World Youth Tournament Committee has fixed the age group as between 16 and 18 years of age on January 1 of the year the tournament will be played.

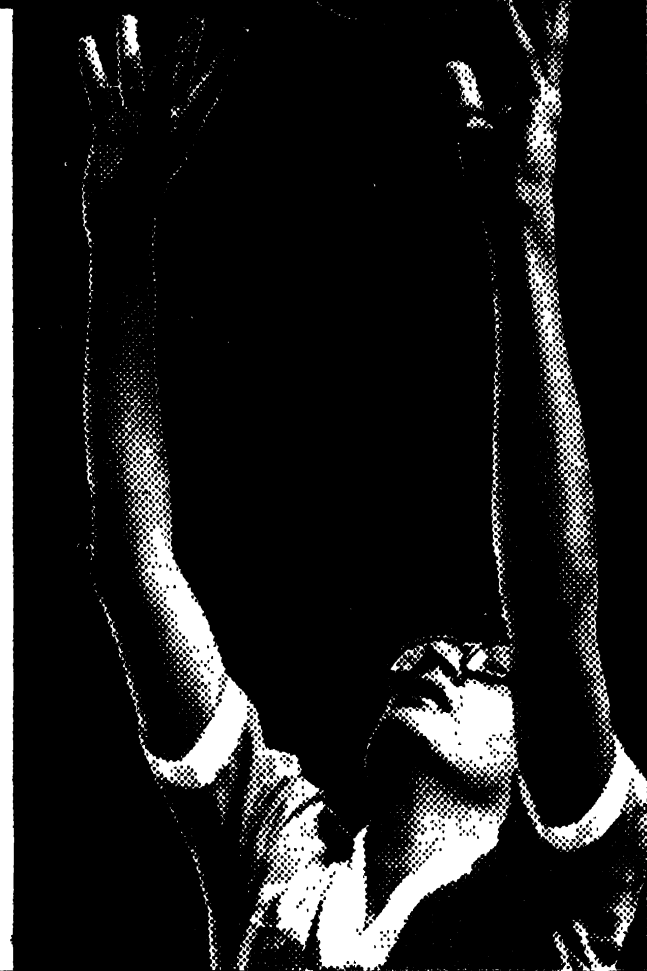
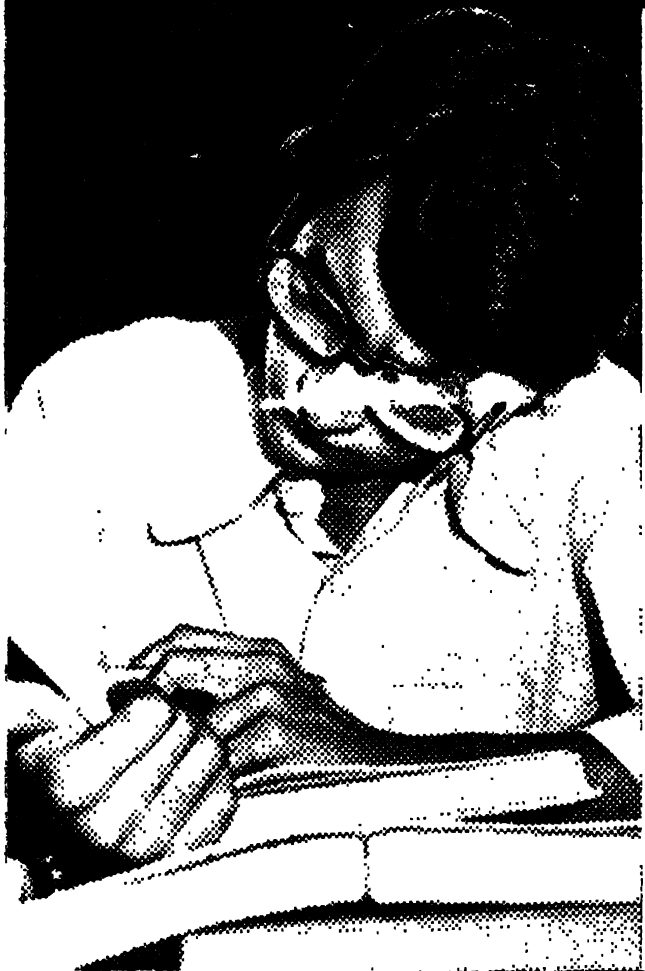
Only those born between January 1, 1958, and December 31, 1960, will be allowed to take part. This would mean that in the happy event of our qualifying we would have to build up a team virtually from scratch. This would not be an easy task.

The All-India Football Federation have been unofficially contending that many of our rivals in the Asian Youth field teams with players whose eligibility on grounds of age look doubtful. And in some cases the AIFF has fallen back on this argument for including players who had just gone beyond the age



Jarnail Singh and Kittu give the lads a pep talk during training

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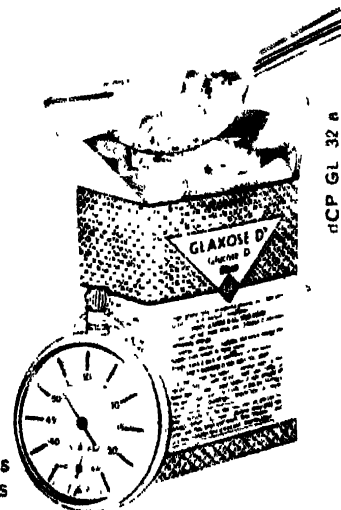
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THE oracle has spoken at last and it is a great relief to know that India's table tennis team will indeed be taking part in the Asian Championships at Pyongyang, (DPR) Korea.

It would have been a tragedy if the team had failed to make the trip due to one reason or the other for almost all the players had to choose between appearing for their examinations and taking part in the championships. It would have come as a great setback to them if, after sacrificing their academic career in the hope of gaining laurels in the game, they were unable to make the trip.

About the only player who was not faced with such a dilemma was Ajay Sidhaye. A pre-degree student at Pune university, he has been assured promotion under the special powers vested in the vice-chancellor. How one wishes that other universities will emulate this example!

The universities can easily do so if they are willing to assess a student on the basis of his academic record throughout the year and not merely on his performance at the annual examination. Such a move will ensure that a student is as regular in his studies as at sport.

The least the universities can do is to hold a separate examination for those who cannot appear for the annual examination so that a sportsman need not lose a whole year for no fault of his.

Perhaps some of the players

More suspense & agony

would have been helped by their universities if only the authorities had been approached in time. According to one source, at least two players would have been able to complete their exams had the university concerned been informed well in advance.

In any case, much of the suspense and agony for the players was entirely avoidable. All that was required was an announcement of the team by the Table Tennis Federation of India and an assurance that the team would indeed make the trip.

The TTFI alone can explain why it delayed the announcement till a week before the team's departure and how it found the balance after securing 50 per cent of the costs from the government.

This team is one of the youngest we have fielded in recent times. The average age of the men's team will hardly be 20. Without Niraj Bajaj, who has preferred to appear for his B. Com. exam, it will also be one of the weakest-ever.

To cap it all, the players have hardly had 15 days to prepare themselves. Under the circumstances, the performance of the team may rest heavily on the exploits of one man, Vilas Menon. Both Dua and Phadke have their limitations in the international sphere and Atul Parikh will be wearing his

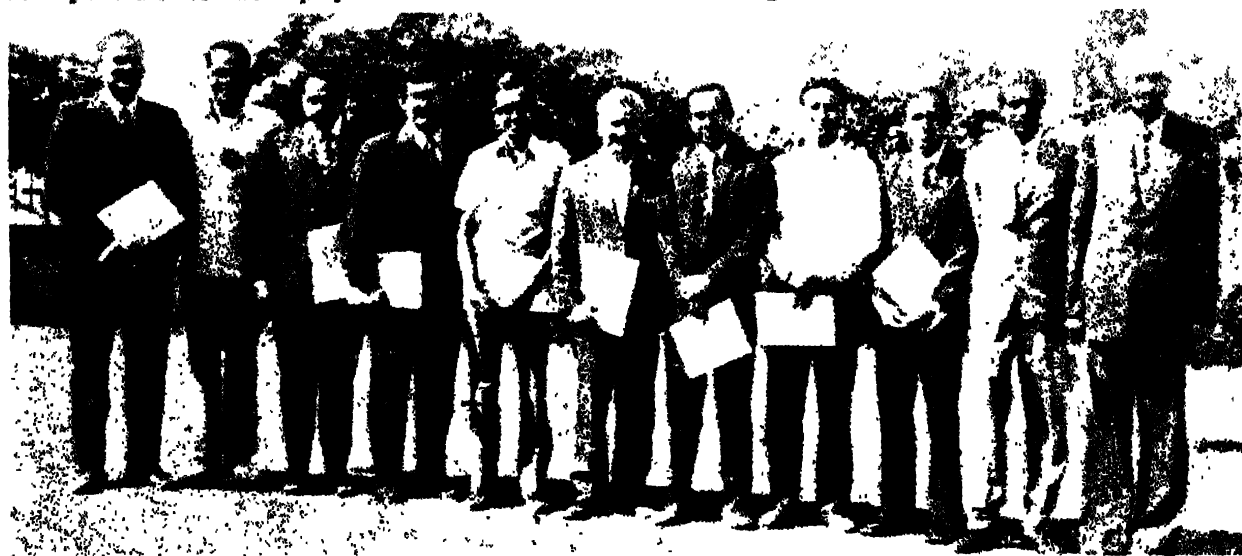
country's colours for the first time. And to think Menon may not have made the trip if Bajaj had been available!

Once again, the TTFI has conveniently dropped the women's team. The decision smacks of male chauvinism for the performances of the women's team have been in no way inferior to those of the men. If we can field a depleted four-member men's team there is simply no reason why we cannot send a women's team which would have consisted of only two members.

It may well be that Indu Puri and Shailaja Salokhe have been denied the opportunity simply because Bengal and Maharashtra, their respective associations, have made it clear that it is the federation's responsibility to find the resources for the players.

For the first time, a coach — Thiruvengadam — is accompanying the team. The credit for it should go to the government who are bearing the full costs of the coach.

There is no mention about who will be the manager of the team. Is there none for the team? This is not the first time the federation has remained silent on this score. Since public funds are involved in not only the participation of the team but also the conduct of the game, the public has a right to know.



The umpires who were awarded the International Table Tennis Federation Certificates. From left: A. M. Lele, S. B. Mohanty, K. R. V. Rao, R. N. Italia, P. K. Venkatraman, M. S. Ajrekar, D. K. Mitra, B. Kumar, V. D. Dandekar, A. M. K. Mudaliar and Balbir Singh

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Know Your Stars ...

I started playing basketball rather late. I am 25 now and it was in 1968 that I took to the game, when I was a student of K. M. College of Delhi. Actually it was a match I witnessed in which the tall players fared much better than the rest, that got me interested in the game. Incidentally, I am 6' 4" and one of the "big" men in Indian basketball. I owe my quick initiation into competitive basketball to Delhi State coach Amrish Sharma who drilled me in the basics.

I represented Delhi University for three years starting from 1968, the same year in which I played for Delhi juniors and seniors at the Kortayam Nationals. In '69 at Calcutta, '70 at Agra, '71 at Ernakulam and '73 at Madras, I represented the Delhi state men's team. Finally at the Silver Jubilee Nationals at Delhi in 1974-75, it was under my captaincy that Delhi rose to fourth place after 16 years. This year at the Calcutta Nationals Delhi again secured fourth place.

I have played in three Pre-Asians in 1969 and 1971 for the Rest of India and in 1975 for Delhi at Sawai Madhopur where I got the big break.

Yes, I had represented the country before, that was in 1970 in the 1st Asian Youth Basketball Championships at Seoul (South Korea). It was worth waiting those five years for a break in the men's team, for at the 8th ABC at Bangkok India put up her best show in recent years when we trounced the reigning champions — the Philippines and secured the fourth place.

I was impressed by the tall players in the Chinese team. They play a very fast game inspite of being much taller than us. The Russian youth squad that played in Calcutta this January really impressed me by their fast and skilled game.

Though I have equal regard for great players like Abbas, Hanuman and Kushi Ram, yet I would like to emulate Kushi not only in his movements as a pivot (the same position that I play) but also in his impeccable behaviour off the field.

I feel that camps such as those which I attended before my two trips abroad, if held at frequent intervals, will help to improve the

Harsaran Singh Sethi



standard of Indian basketball. In the last two camps that I attended, we worked for about seven hours a day.... I am sure, this helped us to secure the fourth position in the Asian Championships.

Yes, I can single out my best match, because I can never forget it... the one in which we (BSF) beat Western Railway by three points at Burdwan. I was captaining the side and Western Railway had many great players including the India captain Abbas Moontasir, yet we put up a great show and managed to put it across them.

Sadly enough, the worst game I have played was also against Western Railway when they thrashed us in the Ramu Memorial tournament recently in Bombay.

Speed is what makes basketball such an attractive game for spectators and interesting for players. Therefore my aim is to play fast just as the tall players abroad do.

Of course the future of basketball is bright, and what with a steady increase in the number of youngsters taking to the game, more tournaments and better facilities and encouragement for deserving players is just the incentive they will help bring nearer the day that basketball will hold its rightful place among games in India.

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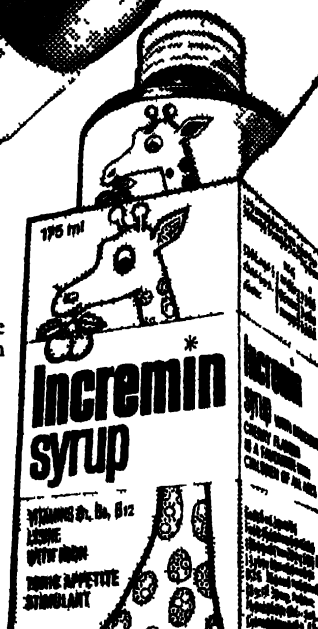


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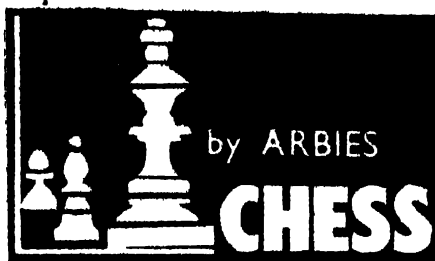


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IN this encounter between the past and present champions Aaron wins a Pawn and his dogged defence against Queen side pressure is rewarded when Ravi Sekhar commits two mistakes allowing doubling of enemy Rooks on the 7th rank

The game was played in the Sri Mappilai Vinayagar Tournament at Madurai (38 players, 8 rounds) won by Aaron with 7½ points, ahead of T N Parameswaran 7 and Ravi Sekhar 5½

SICILIAN DEFENCE

White M Aaron

Black R Ravi Sekhar

1 PK4, PQB4 2 NQB3, NQB3 3 PB4, PQ3 4 NB3, NB3 5 BB4, PK3 (a) 6 00, BK2 7 PQ3, 00 8 QK2, PQ4 9 BN3 NQ5? (b) 10 NxN, PxN 11 NQ1, PQR4 12 PK3!, PR5 (c) 13 PxN, BxP 14 BxRP, RxB 15 NB2, BQ2 16 NN4, BK2 17 PQN3, RR3 18 BN2, BB4 19 QB?, PQN4! (d) 20 BxP BxB 21 QxB, QB2 22 RB2, R1R1 23 PB4, QPxP 24 QPxP, PxP 25 QxP, QxQ 26 PxQ, PB3 27 RQ2, BR5? (e) 28

RN1, BK1 29. R1N2, RR5 30. NK3, BB2? 31. RQ7!, (f) RR6 32. R2N7!, BN3 33. RXPch, KB1 34. NN4, RN1 35. NxP, RxR 36. RxR, RxP 37. NxPch, KK1 38. NB6ch, KB1, 39. PR4, Black resigns.

(a) Both White and Black deviate from the customary fianchetto of their King Bishops in the Closed Variation.

(b) A double-edged move. Black gets some Q-side pressure, but Pawn on Q5 is a liability

(c) If 12 . . . NK1 13. PB3 is good for White (Aaron).

(d) Black decides to give up his PQ5 and seek counter play, for on 19 . . . QN3 20. PQR3, QR2 21. PQN4, BN3 22. NK5 White has all the play

(e) But for this mistake allowing White to release his QR it would be difficult for him to utilise his extra Pawn.

(f) Now White's doubling of Rooks on the 7th rank, which cannot be prevented, quickly decides the issue

CLOSED SICILIAN

(by transposition)

White. M Aaron

Black R Krisnan

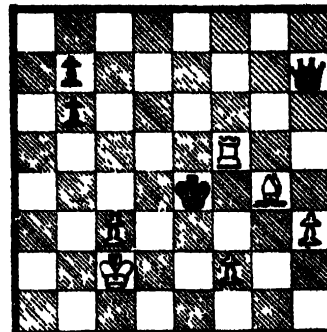
A fascinating brevity from Tamil Nadu Inter-District team championship.

1 NKB3, PQB4 2. PKN3, NQB3 3 BN2, PK4 4 PQ3, PKN3 5 PK4, BN2 6 NB3, NK2 7 BN5, 00 8

QQ2, RK1? (No point in preserving the Bishop at the cost of development) 9. BR6, BR1? 10. PKR4!, PQ4 11. PR5, PxKP 12. PxNPl, (if 12 . . . PxN 13. PxRPch, KxP 14. BB8ch, KN1 15. RxBch, KxR 16. QR6ch and mates) BPxP 13. QNxP, NQ4 14. N3N5, NB3 15. QB3, QQ5 16. QN3ch, PB5 17. QxPch, QxQ 18. PxQ, NxN 19. BxN, NK2 20. 000, RN1 21. NxP!, KxN 22. BB4ch, Black resigns in view of 22 . . . KN1 23. RxBch, KxR 24. BxPch and 25. BxR.

END GAME

Last week's ending by I. Zevvers:



White: Kc2; Rf5; Bg4; P's-c3, f2, h3.

Black: Ke4; Qh7; P'sb6, b7.

White to play and win:

1. Be2! (threat 2 Bd3 mate; if 1 . . . K or Qxf5 2. Bd3ch wins the Queen) 1 . . . Qxh3 (or 1 . . . Qd7 2. Bf3ch, Kxf5 3. Bg4ch etc.) 2. Bb5!, Qxf5 3. Rd3ch or 2 . . . Kxf5 3. Bd7ch wins.

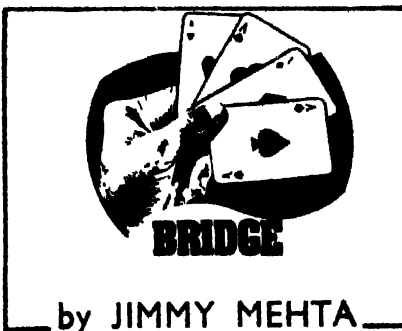
AN excellent "four heart" contract with a five-four trump fit and a combined point count of twenty-eight was defeated at several tables during the recent Ubhaykar contest —

432
A732
K42
K65

AQ5
KJ654
A8
A32

The opening lead is the diamond Queen. If either major suit behaves, your contract is a cinch, but how would you cater to an adverse lay-out? Suppose you win the opening lead in hand and cash the heart Ace and King, your right-hand opponent following with the heart deuce on the first heart and discarding a spade on the second. How would you proceed from there?

The correct play is not difficult.



but for some reason was not found by most declarers. Cash diamond King and ruff the third diamond in hand. When this holds, you are home provided you play correctly. Cash the club honours and exit with the third club. The worst that can happen is that the club is won on your right and the spade knave comes through. Now step up with the Ace and exit with a heart to West who must release your spade Queen or give you a ruff and discard.

How about another hand from the same contest?

KJ54
AQ103
KJ3
K3
AQ1093
984
AQ4
42

The contract is "four spades" and the opening lead is the club Queen. Another twenty-nine pointer with a five-four solid trump fit. But the gloomy possibility of two club and two heart losers stares you in the face. My partner and I over-reached to 5S and though I wound up with ten tricks we naturally lost the board. Anyway, what is your best play for ten tricks? Trumps are three-one. Decide now, before reading further.

The winning play is to duck the club Queen. Best defence is a heart shift on which declarer must take the Ace, draw trumps and play three rounds of diamonds exiting with the club King to East's Ace. East is now forced to release your heart trick or give you a ruff and discard for your tenth trick.

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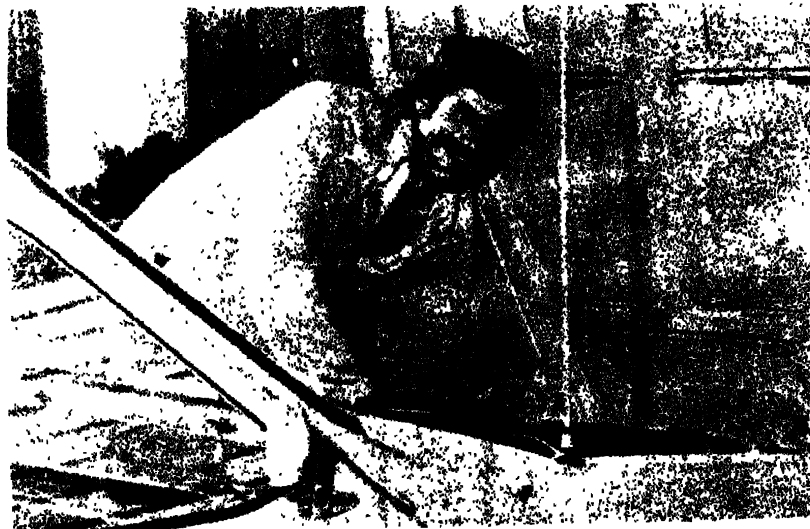
HE hasn't played hockey since his junior high school days nearly 40 years ago, and most of the ice he has seen lately has come from the family fridge. Still, actor Paul Newman may just survive the rigours of his new movie 'Slap Shot,' reports TIME magazine.

"I'm a hockey player," says Newman, 51, describing his role. "I'm somewhat over the hill, a little desperate and looking for a way to make things work." Newman, who played pool in 'The Hustler,' tootled a trombone in 'Paris Blues' and boxed in 'Somebody Up There Likes Me,' insists that hockey is like "all the other things," he has learnt to do for films. "I'm slightly crippled," he confesses. "But I'm standing up."

R. B. KANHAI, former captain of West Indies, will not be allowed to play international cricket in Guyana — his country of birth — because he has taken part in matches in South Africa.

THE Clover Company are no longer to sponsor Natal captain B. A. Richards for \$3 per run in the Currie Cup and South African Gillette Cup matches. Richards said that the decision would mean a 'grave loss' in his earnings. It has amounted in past seasons to between \$2,000 to \$3,000.

FORMER England fast bowler F. H. Tyson's home in Melbourne was badly damaged by fire on March 23. No one was injured. Tyson is now Victoria's official coach and an ABC commentator.



Australian speed terror Dennis Lillee changes into overalls whilst preparing for a motor rally in Australia covering 870 miles between Sydney and Melbourne. Lillee will be behind the wheel of a Renault 12. Lillee, who recently toured South Africa with the International Wanderers' side, is reportedly considering an offer to play club cricket. If he accepts it, he could become cricket's highest paid star

IT is reported that 50 umpires have left Sydney grade cricket in the past two years, most of them disappointed by players' foul language and uncalled-for appeals.

ALAN KNOTT, who crashed during a celebrity motor race at Brands Hatch early in March, suffering a broken nose and injured neck, returned to hospital several days later for eye tests, but was cleared. He then went down with a second bout of flu.

MEHMOOD QURAI SHY, who played for East Africa in the Prudential World Cup, has been voted Kenya Cricket Associations' Cricketer of the Year.

BRIAN HASTINGS, 36, who played in 31 Tests for New Zealand, scoring 1510 runs at 30.2, with four centuries, has announced his retirement from international cricket.

THE Union Ministry of Education has cleared India's participation in the 20th Merdeka and the President's Cup football tournaments, in Kuala Lumpur and Seoul, respectively.

THE West Indies team for the tour of England this summer is: Clive Lloyd (captain), D. Murray (vice-captain), Wayne Daniel, Michael Findlay, Roy Fredericks, Larry Gomes, Gordon Greenidge, Vanburn Holder, Michael Holding, Bernard Julien, Raphick Juma-



AJIT PAL SINGH, skipper of the Indian hockey team bound for the Montreal Games, plans to get married shortly and take his wife to Canada where he intends to stay for a honeymoon after the Games.

Twenty-nine-year-old Ajit Pal was recently engaged to Kiran Grewal of Delhi, a noted Indian basketball player.

deen, Alvin Kallicharran, Collis King, Albert Padmore, Vivian Richards, Lawrence Rowe and Andy Roberts.

THE New Zealand team for the coming winter's tour of Pakistan and India is: Glenn Turner (captain), John Parker (vice-captain), Robert Anderson, Mark Burgess, Lance Cairns, Richard Collinge, Dayle Hadlee, Richard Hadlee, Brain McKechnie, John Morrison, David O'Sullivan, Murray Parker, Peter Petherick, Andy Roberts and Ken Wadsworth. The notable absentees are: Hedley Howarth and Bevan Congdon who are not available for the tour.

NANDU LAL JALAN, former honorary secretary of the Cricket Association of Bengal, died in Calcutta last week after a brief illness. He was 58.

THERE's one more feather in the cap of Dr. Chandrasekhar Thakur, the famous astrologer who predicted in SPORTSWEEK issues of January 25 and February 8, 1976 that Bishen Bedi will not return with two rubbers in his pocket; that the team will face a tough, difficult time as far as casualties, weather and umpiring decisions are concerned; and that Brijesh Patel, Sunil Gavaskar and Chandrasekhar will come good.

PIA WORLD OPEN

by FREDUN De VITRE



The Indians were totally eclipsed by the top-seeded Pak (Pros). Left: India skipper Fali Madon in action against Gogi Alauddin. Right: Nikhlesh Senapati couldn't do much against Qamar Zaman (right)

Super squash

THE talk around the table at Bombay Gymkhana's bar-room was constantly punctuated with superlatives. "Fantastic," said Manchanda. "Superb," chipped in Colah. Senapati felt it was "marvellous" whilst Madon, the only one of the foursome who had had a foretaste of international competition, asserted that he had "never seen anything like it before."

From the reactions of the four-member Indian squash team that participated in the PIA World Open Squash Championship in Karachi recently, it was obvious that the championship was a grand success. Pakistan International Airlines, the sponsors, spared absolutely no effort to make it so: they put up prize money totalling £10,075, making this the world's richest squash tournament; they had all the world's top ten battling it out for the Hashim Khan team trophy, in fact, as their piece de resistance they even flew the maestro, the legendary Hashim Khan himself, down from the United States, to preside over the closing day's celebrations and distribute the prizes.

And it must have been a supremely gratifying moment for the ageing supremo, the greatest squash player the world has ever known, to hand over the handsome trophy bearing his name to one of his own clan — Mohibullah Khan, the skipper of the crack Pakistan (Professionals) outfit, who beat compatriots Pakistan (Amateurs) in the final of the team event.

Results-wise, the Indians didn't do too well, though they took everyone by surprise beating Canada in the qualifying round. But,

considering that two of the four-man Indian squad were in their early twenties, the tourney was an invaluable experience, the beneficial results of which will hopefully surface in future. Senapati and Colah, the two youngsters, had clearly learnt more in the two weeks of the competition than they would have done in twenty years of practice in India.

The Indians caused a major upset when they beat the better-fancied Canadians in the qualifying rounds. Canada included Sharif Khan, son of the legendary Hashim, but that couldn't prevent the Indians from winning 2-1. Fali Madon, the skipper, surprised 1 Walia, 9-1, 7-9, 9-2, 9-2. Sharif enabled Canada to draw level with a hard-earned 9-7, 9-1, 6-9, 9-2 win over Manchanda. But Senapati sealed Canada's fate when he came back after conceding the first game to outwit Caldwell, 8-10, 9-2, 9-1, 9-1.

Face to face

That win over Canada brought the Indians face to face with the top seeds, Pakistan Professionals—12 teams from 11 countries took part, the hosts fielding two teams, the Pros and the Amateurs — the ultimate winners, who had Mohibullah Khan, world No. 2, Gogi Alauddin, who beat world No. 1 Geoff Hunt of Australia in the semis of this tourney and Qamar Zaman, twice winner of the British Open.

Against such formidable opposition, no one gave the Indians any chance, and the ultimate result panned out according to expecta-

tions, India being swamped 0-3. The results: Gogi Alauddin beat Fali Madon 9-0, 9-2, 9-3. Mohibullah Khan beat Manchanda 9-2, 9-0, 9-0. Qamar Zaman beat Senapati 9-0, 9-0, 9-1.

While the Pak Pros were hammering India, their Amateur compatriots were carving out a surprise win over third-seeded Great Britain. The Amateurs, in fact, were the team of the tournament, beating second-seeded Egypt, New Zealand and Britain on their way to the final where, however, they were totally eclipsed, although Maqsood Ahmad, Pakistan's junior champ, distinguished himself with a series of fine victories over better-fancied players in the earlier rounds.

The match of the tournament was the third round encounter between Safwat of Egypt and Murray Lilley (New Zealand). Lilley lost the first game, bagged the next two and led 8-1 in the decisive fourth. That final point, however, proved elusive and Safwat, staging as great a rally as has ever been seen in recent times, managed to squeeze home at 9-4, 5-9, 1-9, 10-8, 9-7.

The individual events followed the pattern of the team's, with an all-Pakistan final in which 25-year-old Gogi Alauddin beat Mohibullah Khan 10-8, 9-3, 9-6, much to the delight of the 400-strong packed spectators, who watched every movement on court through the glass-backed wall.

Earlier, Mohibullah had tamed Zaman in straight games 9-4, 9-4, 9-6, but the other match between Alauddin and Hunt was expected to be the show-piece. In the event,

the Pakistani had a fairly easy passage to the final, his tactic of engaging his rival in long rallies, slowing down the game and taking advantage of the heat to tire out his opponent, coming off very well.

The Indians were required to go through the qualifying rounds before entering the tournament proper, but here too they met with little success, Manchanda and Senapati being knocked out in the very first qualifying round and Madon and Colah following suit a round later.

Senapati lost to 20-year-old Hasan Mahmood, 9-5, 6-9, 0-9, 3-9, whilst Manchanda went down to the Kiwi, Blackwood, 7-9, 8-10, 0-9. Madon moved into the second round with a fluent 9-1, 9-1, 9-4 win over Japanese H. Tamsaki, but then came a cropper against Blackwood, losing 9-4, 10-9, 6-9, 2-9, 1-9. Colah, who was a reserve for the team events, ousted Singapore's I. Ibrahim 9-1, 9-6, 9-6 in the first round but then succumbed to the all-court game of Britain's Pearson, 9-10, 5-9, 2-9.

The Indians were initially disturbed by the transparent glass-backed wall, but gradually settled down to give a fairly good account of themselves in their first outing in international squash in about a



Raj Manchanda executes a forehand in his match against Mohibullah Khan

decade. They were a popular side and the manager, Rear-Admiral Batra's plea for better sporting relations between the two countries received wide press coverage in Pakistan — as in fact, did the entire tourney, with several matches, including the India-Pakistan tie, being telecast live from PIA's fabulous Karachi Road Squash Complex, which houses five courts and was described by Batra as "fantastic, I have not seen anything like this under one roof."

The Pakistanis are now very keen on visiting India sometime later this year — not for any competitive play, but as a gesture of goodwill. The Squash Rackets Association is working out the feasibility of such a visit. Meanwhile, the Indian team has proceeded to London for the British Amateur Open, where they have been given a good chance of making at least the semi-final grade.

Meeting a legend

THE shrine for all squash pilgrims is a room roughly 20 feet square. It has three iron frame beds, a couple of small wooden tables, a few chairs.

The walls are mud bricks and there are no windows. Faded photographs are the only reminders that this is the home of Hashim Khan, seven times British Open champion and the greatest squash player of all time.

Hashim's house is in the village of Nawakilla, a mile or two from Peshawar in Pakistan's North-West frontier province and a dozen miles from the Khyber Pass.

This is the birthplace of the Khan dynasty which produced Hashim, Azam, Roshan and Mohibullah (13 Open titles between them) and where a squash era began.

Tea and sweet, sticky cakes are proffered. News of Hashim's arrival travels fast and close friends arrive. Curious children peer cautiously around the doorway.

For Hashim it is a rare trip into the past. He is now 60 and for the past 16 years has lived in America. His base now is Denver where he coaches six days a week.

He is small in stature, about five



feet five and the good life in the U.S. has extended his waistline. His skills, however, have not dimmed with the years and last October he beat world women's champion Heather McKay 2-0 in Toronto — his first soft-ball match since leaving Pakistan.

He is quiet, unassuming, ill at ease in the role of resurrected hero as Pakistan strives to assert her squash supremacy, not merely by producing players but in staging major events.

It has been an historic gathering of squash talent—Hashim, Roshan, Azam, Mohibullah seen meeting with the new generation of champions Geoff Hunt, Jonah Barrington and Qamar Zaman.

Hashim is reluctant to judge today's standards, but is impressed with young Mohibullah, runner-up to Hunt in the world championship.

"He will go on improving," he says. He is more reluctant to be drawn on whether he would have achieved the same success against the current champions, content to offer the odd tit-bit of advice to those eager to know more of his inner thoughts.

Play the first game quickly, the second quicker is the simple logic of a player whose mastery of stroke play ran into the ground those with superior fitness and lesser skills.

The Americans soon discovered that Hashim, even at the age of 48, could teach them a thing or two. "They not want me to play in North American Open. They think me too old," he said.

"But I play and in first round beat their champion 3-0, ping ping, no trouble. Next round I win 3-0, no trouble. I win title very easily and when I get trophy I smile and say I very pleased to win at the age of 48."

— MIKE PALMER

The hockey team

by Maj-Gen.
EUSTACE D'SOUZA

— A SELECTOR'S VIEW

THE list of 18 players for the forthcoming Olympics has been announced as also the seven stand-bys. This has triggered off a wave of conjecture throughout the country: Will we? Won't we? By and large the press and public have welcomed the selection committee's choice.

Prior to the announcement of the team, the press made some snide remarks about the selectors. Others had sly digs at us. We have been variously described as obtuse, confused and what not. Allegations have been levelled against the selection committee that they lack foresight — why did they not take steps during the New Zealand tour and the Rene Frank in Madras, to solve the vexing problems of a goalkeeper, left-half back and centre-forward? Eyebrows have often been raised and asides whispered of the absence of selectors at important tournaments. And so the litany of selectors' sins goes on.

You can be sure of one fact: win or lose at Montreal, no credit will be given to the selection committee for all the hard-work put in by the members. Yes, "all the hard work put in!" This piece is not meant to rebut or object to the various criticisms and allegations made but to spell out how, over a period of time, the selectors were able to arrive at an acceptable list of 18 + 7.

It is essential to bear in mind that selection means time and time means money. Except for Roop Singh who leads a peaceful retired life in Gwalior, the other selectors are working men with a job to be attended to. Prithipal Singh, the chairman, is Director of Students Welfare at the Ludhiana Agricultural University, Walter De Souza

until very recently had his hands full representing Burma Shell Aviation at Santa Cruz Airport; Wing Commander R. S. Bhola is a high grade technical officer in the Ministry of Defence. The author of this article recently retired from an important Army assignment in Delhi and is now on the managerial staff of Forbes, Forbes Campbell & Co. Ltd. Bombay. These prolonged absences from one's job means time. There is always the question of leave — fortunately, enlightened firms like Forbes and Burma-Shell have been generous in granting leave, but one can't take advantage, can one?

When, then, did the selectors get round to selecting the team for Montreal? Was it only after the Cuttack National last February? Certainly not! It began in April 1975 immediately after the return of our victorious World Cup champions from Kuala Lumpur. These players formed the nucleus for further selections. The much-publicised and hotly debated Prithipal D'Souza report on the 3rd World Cup was also considered.

The charter given to the selectors at Bhopal where the 39th Nationals were held was to nominate 35 players for a camp at Bangalore from which 18 would be selected for the New Zealand tour. At Bhopal, despite the heat, all five selectors were present watching two to three matches daily. It was at this National that new faces like Chettri, Shanmugham, Mehboob, Khurshed Ali, Abbasi, Rakesh, Mukul, V. J. Thomas, Kaushik and young Gilbert Lobo emerged.

Some juniors like Claudius (Jr) also came to notice. From this list, Bhaskaran, Albert Shaw, Mehboob, Syed Ali, Chettri and Lobo joined the World Cup core for the successful New Zealand tour. Lobo at centre-forward played well, scoring a number of goals. Had he not injured himself thereafter, he would surely have been called to Patiala. So would Francis D'Mello, who was a sorry victim of circumstances but that is another story. Chettri and Ashok Dewan in particular and Prabhakaran and Syed Ali also showed promise.

In the meantime, Walter De Souza kept a close tab on potential players in the big tournaments in Pune and Bombay, singling out Kaushik, Kuttappa, Toppo and Gurdip (EME). In Delhi, Bhola and this writer saw every match in the junior and senior Nehru tournaments last November and noted the exceptionally good performances of Leslie Fernandes, Cedric D'Souza, Baldev Singh, Chand Singh, Mohinder Singh, Sukhbir Grewal, Ajit Singh, Gurdip, Chengappa, Charamanna and Khurshid Ali to name but a few and some promising juniors as well.

Ramanna Murthy's report on our junior team's tour to West Germany was scrutinised carefully and players of the calibre of Chengappa, Mervyn Fernandes and Satinderpal Singh were noted. Wing Commander Bhola's exhaustive report on the performances of our players on the New Zealand circuit was circulated to all selectors and all this information was



The probables during training on the sands of the Marina, Madras

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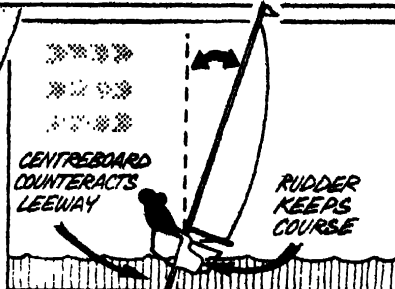
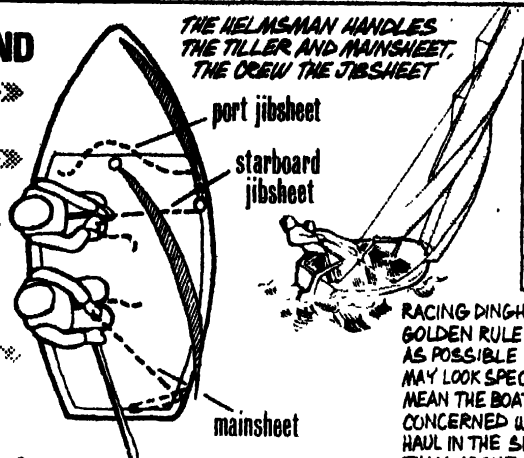
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO DINGHY SAILING

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THE EASIEST DIRECTION OF SAILING IS WITH THE WIND DIRECTLY ON THE BEAM - IN THIS CASE THE PORT BEAM. THIS IS KNOWN AS 'REACHING' ON THE PORT TACK (OR STARBOARD TACK IF THE WIND IS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE).

HELMSMAN AND CREW ADJUST THE JIB AND MAINSHEETS SO THAT BOTH SAILS SET COMFORTABLY ABOUT 45° TO THE WIND. THIS DEPENDS ON FORCE OF WIND PRESSURE E.G. IF THE BOAT HEELS TOO MUCH THE SHEETS MUST BE EASED TO LET THE SAILS OUT FURTHER AND RELEASE SOME OF THE PRESSURE.

WIND



RACING DINGHIES OFTEN HEEL ALARMINGLY BUT THE GOLDEN RULE FOR THE BEGINNER IS TO SAIL AS UPRIGHT AS POSSIBLE. HEELING BEYOND THE LIMITS OF COMFORT MAY LOOK SPECTACULAR BUT IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THE BOAT TRAVELS FASTER. AT THIS STAGE WE ARE CONCERNED WITH SAFE AND COMFORTABLE CRUISING. HAUL IN THE SHEETS UNTIL THE BOAT HEELS NO MORE THAN ABOUT 15 DEGREES.

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stored in our data bank. Then came the Rene Frank at Madras. Four selectors were present. This tournament served to highlight the potential of Syed Ali on the left wing, Ashok Dewan in goal and, to some extent, Bhaskaran as left half-back. During this International, views were exchanged on various players with all ex-Olympians present.

Finally came Cuttack where Bhola and the two D'Souzas were present for nearly a fortnight watching upto four matches daily. Our very first act was to identify those areas where we were not strong — goalkeeper, left-half back and centre-forward, so that we could keep a careful tab on these positions. At this National, played in near ideal conditions, the selectors were very impressed with the performances of Prabhakaran that very intelligent Railways' and ICF inside-right, Michael Kindo, Charmanna, the mercurial though inconsistent Kusha, Chand Singh, Mehboob, Zaffar, Uttaiiah, Sunderamurthy, Bhatta, Charanjit Kumar, Syed Ali, Khurshid Ali, Jagdish, Rajashekaran, Francis D'Mello, Kaushik, Ajit Singh, goalkeepers Gurdev, C. D'Souza, Olympio Fernandes and, of course, our World Cup veterans.

The three selectors made it a point of consulting (mind you only consulting) Olympians such as Leslie Claudius, Gentle, Gurbux and Kishen. As a result of these consultations and our deliberations, we decided to recommend to the IHF that five goalkeepers and three left-half backs be included. Ashok Dewan's performance for the victorious Railway team was not consistent. Kutappa, Kallah and Toppo started off well but their subsequent performance tapered off and they were thus dropped. The list of 35 was a happy blend of youth (Cedric

D'Souza, Pramod Bhatla, Charanjit Kumar, Khurshid Ali, Syed Ali, Jagdish and Shaida) and experience.

After the 35 nominees arrived at the NIS, the selectors, on being approached by the IHF, included three more goalkeepers who had played well in prestige tournaments, viz internationals Leslie Fernandes and John Correa and promising ex-combined Universities and now AMC/Services goalkeeper Capt. Anthony Cruz Susinathan. Had the latter been permitted to play for the Services and arrived early enough at the NIS—who knows what the outcome would have been!

NIS Patiala is within easy reach of Delhi. It's quite a distance from Bombay. Yet, according to the dictates of their conscience, both the D'Souzas from Bombay visited the camps to get an idea of the shape of things before the final selections were made. Prithipal and Bhola also took the trouble of doing so. The four selectors present, therefore, were fully prepared for this task which had commenced a year earlier at Bhopal, Pune, Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Cuttack. The 18 + 7 selected provided a very healthy mix of experience and youth with such new finds as Syed Ali, Chettri, Mehboob, Baldev, Olympio, Charmanna, Bhatla, D'Souza, Khurshid Ali and Mohinder figuring in the list which included experienced players like the intelligent Prabhakaran and Chand Singh and Bhaskaran and Ajit. All this hard work paid dividends and is bound to bear good results. The IHF Executive Committee made it a point never to interfere in the matter of selections and extended maximum co-operation.

Before I conclude, I thought it would be a good idea to spell out in unambiguous terms, the qualifica-

tions and requirements of a good hockey selector: a) He must be impartial and honest and beyond the pale of provincialism and parochialism. b) He must be impervious to ridicule and criticism to which he is often subjected; these must be accepted with a poker face and as an occupational hazard. c) He must be tight-lipped regarding players selected leaving it to the IHF to announce the team. d) He must be prepared to travel to remote corners of the country. e) He must be able to "persuade" his employers to give him time off. f) He must be prepared to state his views firmly and freely and yet, must be flexible enough to bend to the majority view so that a consensus is attained. g) He must make a determined attempt to witness as many tournaments as possible in his zone keeping his eyes and ears open (but his mouth shut!) h) He must establish close rapport with his co-selectors and gain their confidence. i) He must keep the National interest foremost in his mind. j) He must know his hockey.

One last point. There are many who express concern for the future. "Are we encouraging young blood"? Have we thought of replacements for players who will soon retire from the National scene?" are some of the questions asked. Let me assure them that we have an updated data bank on promising players. Proof? There is proof in ample measure. To mention but a few examples: Mohinder is a ready replacement for Ajit Pal. We have Baldev and Bhatla ready to assume charge from Michael Kindo. Syed Ali is chaffing at the bit to take over from Harcharan.

I hope this article has served its purpose: to prove that the job of a selector is no sinecure but involves much hard work.

THE other day, a friend took me to witness the world freestyle wrestling championship

"You mean they are having a world championship contest in India," I said

"Certainly," said my friend. "Since the world champion is an Indian."

"My, my, will wonders ever cease," I said. "And all these years I was thinking that we had only one world champion and that was Wilson Jones, except when Michael Ferreira came very near a championship."

So my friend told me that for many years now we have had a film star, by the name of Dara Singh, who was the world freestyle wrestling champion

The championship fight was held in a stadium and there were thousands of people present, all come to support the Indian champion and see that the last of our international titles was not taken away from us by some foreigner.

In the ring was a rather hairy gentleman, greying and a little overweight. When he walked, his stomach walked ahead of him. "Where is the world champion?" I asked.

BUZZING AROUND

by BUSYBEE

"You are looking at him," said my friend. I thought it proved a theory of mine — that Indian sportsmen did not look like sportsmen. I mean, look at Vijay Amritraj Or Viswanath, he does not look like he had ever held a bat and yet he bats so well.

Unsporting

The contender was from Ireland, all sleek muscles and very light on his feet and brimming with confidence. So I told my friend that I did not know much of wrestling but it looked to me that our champion was finally going to lose the title.

And so it appeared when the fight began. The Irishman was throwing our poor old champion around and kicking him and twisting his arm and pulling his

hair and, I am sure if he had a ball, he would have bowled bumpers at him.

The newspapers, I thought, will have a lot to say about these unsporting tactics and, perhaps, the president of the Indian freestyle wrestling federation will lodge a protest with the Irish authorities.

And, I thought, what a bad year it was turning out to be for Indian sports. An elderly gentleman, who was giving a running commentary on the fight of the century, said that it all reminded him of Henry VIII. And though I did not understand what he meant, I reminded myself that there were so many things that Suresh Saraiya said which also I did not understand.

And then, just when it looked like it was all over, Dara Singh struck and knocked his opponent out just like in the comic books or in Hindi films.

And, as we were coming out, there was an announcement that next week Dara Singh will once again defend his world championship. And they call Muhammad Ali the fightingest champion ever.

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SPORTSWEEK Fund

THE suggestion made by reader A. D. Narasimhalu (April 11) is commendable. To utilise the fund properly, needy ex-players should be asked to coach in the backward areas where coaching facilities may not otherwise be found. These coaches should then be paid out of the benefit fund. This will serve a two-fold purpose—it will provide youngsters with much-needed coaching and at the same time keep our former internationals occupied gainfully.

—U. S. Pandey (Singhbhum).

A SPORTSWEEK Trust, made up of past and present players in affluent circumstances, could go a long way in providing suitable jobs as coaches for schools, colleges and clubs to past players in need, besides providing financial grants whenever required.

The Trust could secure its finance from (1) donations, (2) charity matches, (3) a levy of 1% on the profits made by every Test centre, (4) a part of the proceeds of the Government lotteries.

—Dr. R. N. Sinha (Patna).

Shameful

I WONDER why you keep spoiling the good name of SPORTSWEEK by publishing the column by Busybee. It surprises me that there are some amongst your readers who think that his columns are humorous. He is merely being sarcastic. For example, why should he have written so sarcastically about Gavaskar's century in the second Test? It's a real pity that his writings have found a place in your magazine. Shame!

—G. Varadavaya Pai (Mulki, Ker.)

I THINK Busybee is unnecessarily harsh on our cricketers. What business does he have to criticise them repeatedly?

—D. Raj (Mysore).

The Apartheid problem

THE exploits of the Indian cricketers in the West Indies has distracted the minds of most cricket-lovers from the Wanderers' tour of South Africa. The problem of racial discrimination as practised by S.A. has been the topic of discussion for a long time. Only recently, Guyana banned Geoffrey Greenidge from playing in that country. It is distressing to think that those who are presently touring with the Wanderers' team could, at some time in future, be banned from playing in West Indies, India and Pakistan.

However, the silver lining is the

fact that S.A. was prepared to play multi-racial sides against the visitors — which is surely indicative of a relaxed attitude. I hope that David Frith's prediction of the cricket world being dividing into two halves does not come true. I am equally hopeful that when the ICC next discusses the S.A. issue, the "black" nations will take a sympathetic view—if only to allow us cricket-lovers the joy of seeing Richards hooking Roberts and Barlow smothering Bedi's spin. Ah, just the very thought!

—Anil Jauhari (Chandigarh).

(Reader Jauhari gets the prize of Rs. 11/- for this week's best letter).

AIR's 'world champ'

I WAS amused to hear in an official News Bulletin of All India Radio that Dara Singh retained his "World Champ" title in a recent bout at Delhi. Even the peons at AIR must be aware of the true nature of such "championship bouts."

—Ashok Rajbanshi (Muzaffar Nagar).

Bose, the boss

DILIP Bose was not only a great tennis player but is also a most efficient organiser of big tournaments — for evidence, one has only to turn to the staging of the Grand Prix at Calcutta. Bose has also been a good friend of Ramanathan Krishnan and the question of being 'against him' does not arise.

—Manoj Choudhary (Calcutta).

Where there's a will . . .

INDIA's victory at Port of Spain proved two well-known proverbs. 1. 'Man proposes, God disposes.' The manner in which the match progressed over the first three days, no one imagined that an India victory was possible. It was unbelievable when it actually happened. It has been proved that there is nothing impossible in cricket. 2. 'Where there's a will, there's a way.' If the entire team has decided to stick to a particular policy, there is nothing that can prevent them from achieving their ends.

—J. Naomai (Bombay).

the colours, green, red, white are quite perfectly in order.

—M. S. Navalkar (Bombay).

FROM the time that Lloyd was appointed captain, he has been blaming someone or the other for his team's defeats. In India and later in Australia, he blamed the umpires. Now, after West Indies' defeat in the third Test at Port of Spain, he has gone a step further, blaming his own teammates for the crushing defeat.

—Kumar Venkat (Madurai).

I APPRECIATED SPORTSWEEK's coverage of the Port of Spain Test (Victory Special, April 18). But I differ from your views about the colour transparency being below standard. Being a photographer myself, I would like to point out that the colour balance of all

IT is a pity that after being forced to submit at Port of Spain, Lloyd and his men had to resort to unfair intimidatory tactics to catch up. It was certainly a shameful thing to do.

—P. S. Nene (Bombay).

Superb 'World of Cricket'

WORLD OF CRICKET is a fantastic mag. Thanks for the colourspreads.

—G. P. Kale (Pune)

Quarterly could affect the standard of your mag — and I'm glad to say that WORLD OF CRICKET upholds the high standards set earlier. Congrats for a superb issue.

—Dipak Herekar (Bombay).

I WAS wondering whether the change of name of your Cricket



by RAILBIRD

THE Diamond Jubilee season of the RWITC suffered by comparison with those of Madras and Bangalore. While a total of 409 horses provided 1,994 runners in 246 races spread over 31 days in Bombay, Bangalore staged 235 races in 29 days with 526 horses who provided about 2,220 runners and Madras had a 42-day season in which 452 horses participated.

Bombay suffered not because of an insufficiency of horses but because of the reluctance of trainers to run their charges, especially the youngsters. Fields for the races exclusively for the new crop were poor and only once was there enough runners (minimum of 16) at the acceptance stage for the race to be divided into two divisions. There are many reasons for this state of affairs but as the authorities cannot force trainers to run their charges subtle means have to be employed to provide gentle pressure and this has been done for the future by revising the system of subsidies.

During the forthcoming Poona (the club persists with the use of a name which is no longer on the map) season no subsidy will be paid to either the owner or trainer unless a horse runs at least three times and in Bombay a horse, other than a youngster, will have to be raced five times to qualify. Youngsters will have to race thrice, as is the case at present. The subsidies are more generous than in the past and, in addition, a trainer will be paid Rs. 200 per month for every horse who remains either in Bombay or Poona during the idle months of May, June and July.

The Stewards have also armed themselves to declare void races with a paucity of acceptors. For the first time in history it is stated in unequivocal terms that "if there are less than four horses at the acceptance stage the race to be run at the option of the Stewards." This is a bold and necessary step to avoid the ridiculous situation where two or three runners compete for rich prizes.

The Bombay season could best be described as the Year of Valoroso. Seven of his progeny won a total of 15 races valued at Rs.

Incentives for trainers



McGrath . . . 16 wins from 48 mounts

4,01,501.75. The biggest stakes winner of the season, Commanche, is by him as are other four-year-old winners Shandaar and Resolute. They are all from his first crop. His second crop winners are Wild Blossom, the winner of four races in a row, and Squanderer and Knight-at-Arms, both of whom are unbeaten in two starts. All three have Classic potential and Valoroso may well dominate the next Bombay season as well. Valoroso (b e 1962) is by Vimy-Beliagio (by Hyperion) and stands at the Yervada Stud.



Commanche . . . biggest stakes winner

Does it yap to follow a particular trainer or jockey? It does if the person to whom you have hitched your wagon is in luck and if you place your bets judiciously, increasing the stake suitably to offset losses.

For instance, Byramji with 48 wins from 157 runners had an average of 3.3 and Uttamsingh with 13 wins from 51 runners averaged 4 as did young C. S. Chavan with 6 wins from 25 runners. The most profitable jockey to have been followed was Oliver Gray, who averaged 2.3 winners with 13 wins from 30 mounts. George McGrath averaged 3 with 16 win from 48 mounts and the popular riders Shinde and Jagdish each averaged 3.4 with respective figures of 48 wins from 162 rides and 31 from 104.

Of course, the sensible way to follow a professional is by adjusting your stake to the odds so that you attain your target of the amount you wish to win. It necessarily follows that all betting must be in the ring where the odds are fixed and not on the tote where they are variable.

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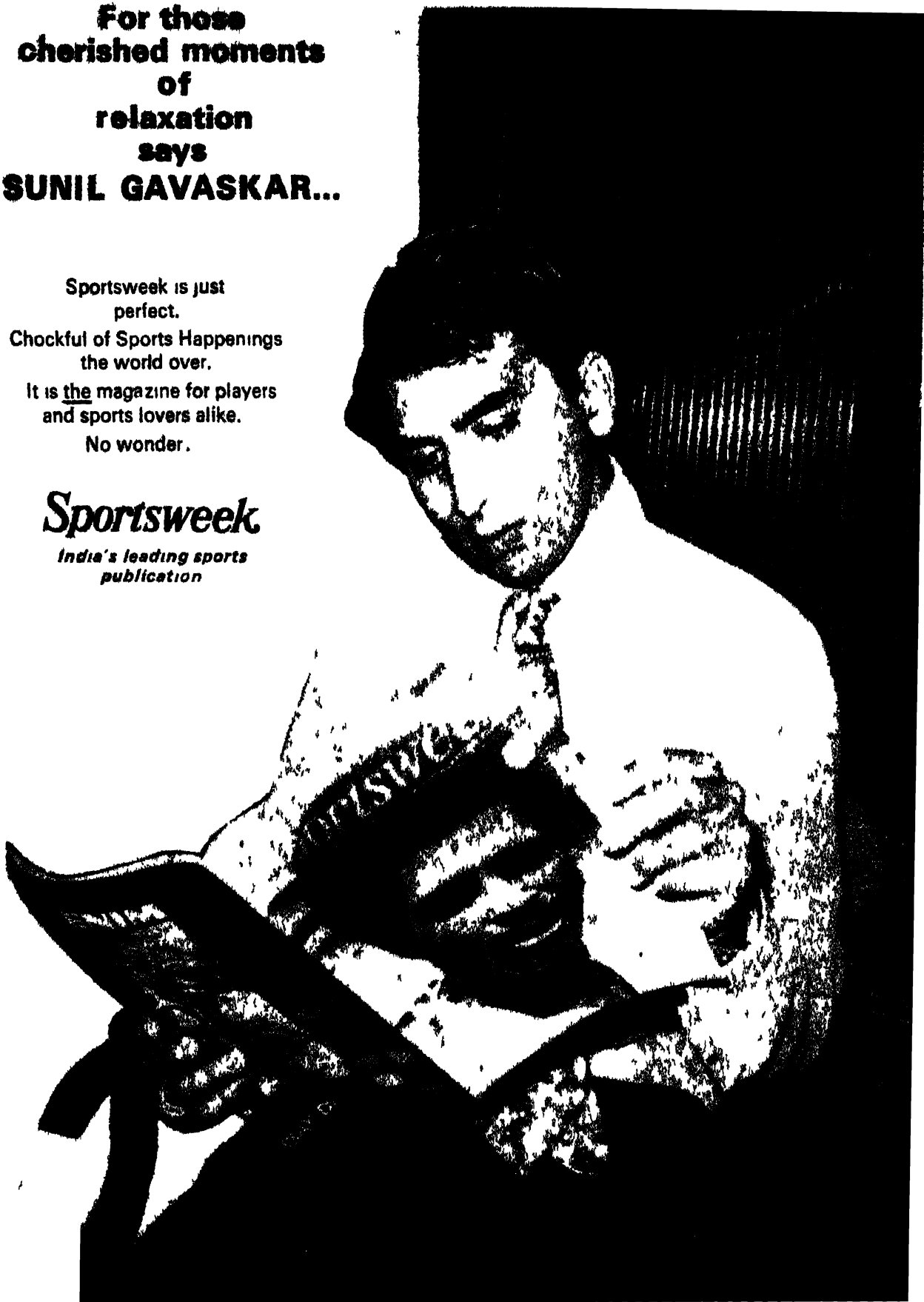
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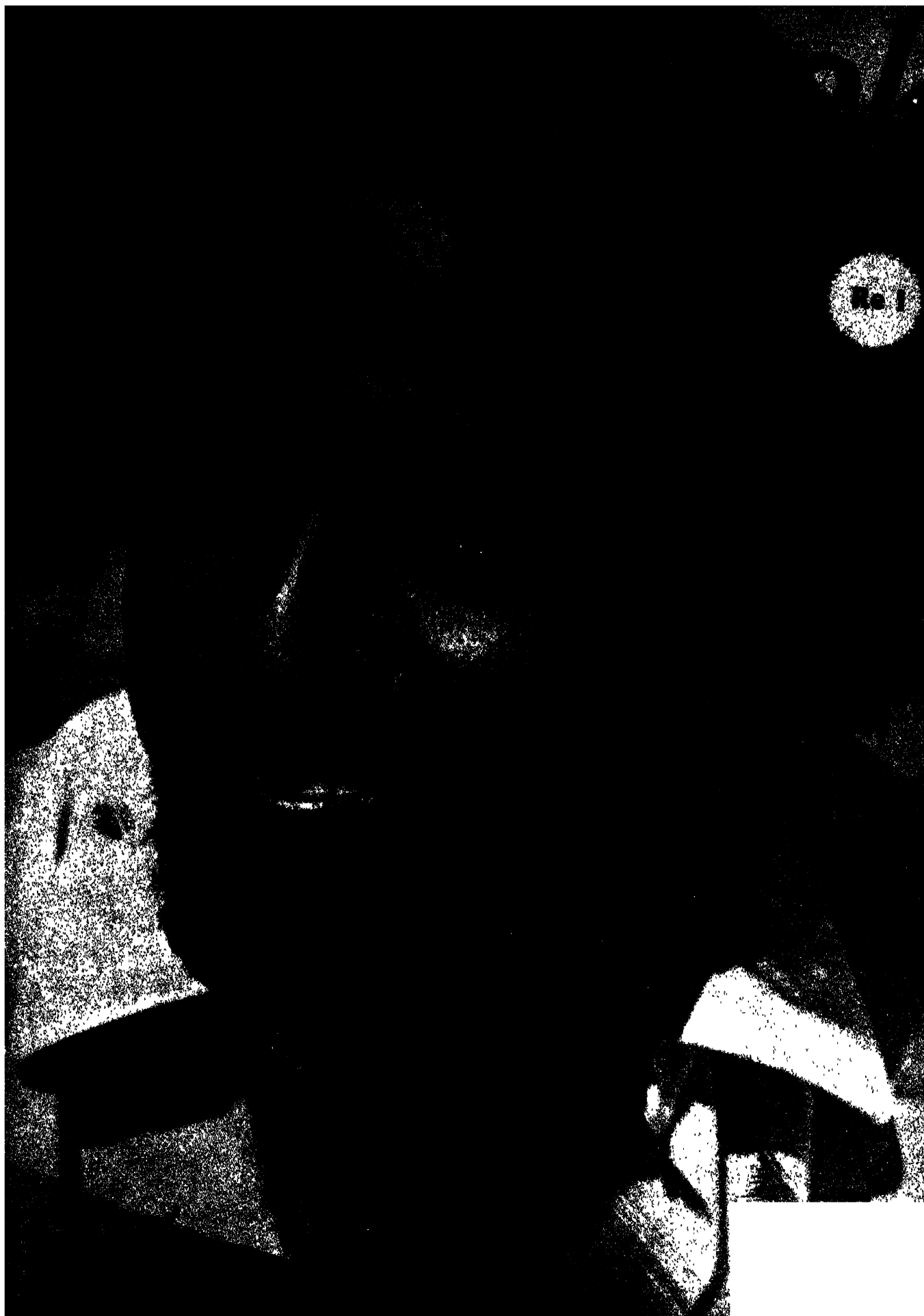
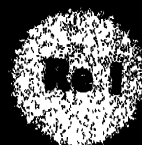
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SHARAD KOTNIS :

Umrigar's views merit Board's attention

ON the Indian cricket team's return from the twin-tour of New Zealand and West Indies, manager Umrigar asserted that the tours should be judged not only by the results they produced but also by the contribution they made to the immediate future of Indian cricket.

The first and foremost contribution to the success of the tours was Bishen Bedi's excellent leadership which sponsored good team spirit. "A most popular leader with his charming ways, Bedi got the best out of every member of the team and made my task easier," was the manager's compliment to his skipper. Bedi was hard-working and impressed his colleagues, discussing team tactics with them constantly. According to veteran West Indies players, Bedi was the most popular captain ever to visit West Indies, added Umrigar — which is all to the good of the game in the country.

Other gains of the tour according to Umrigar were the solidity in batting. Whereas we had only two batsmen certain to score runs when we left, now we have at least six. Gaekwad, Mohinder Amarnath and Vengsarkar were the discoveries, while Patel's return to form was a revelation.

The short-sightedness of the selectors in including only two recognised medium-pacers in the squad was felt throughout the tour. The fact that Madan and Mohinder did not break down even once on the strenuous tours speaks well for their cent per cent physical fitness. An Abid or a Ghavri would have been of immense help in New Zealand, noted the manager. It is hoped that the selectors will take cognizance of this suggestion.

Umrigar suggested that two tours, with different climatic conditions and two countries far separated from each other should not be clubbed together. With climatic conditions differing vastly in the two countries, acclimatisation becomes difficult. He also advocated not more than one one-day match on tour. "We are still to get used to this sort of cricket and defeats in between matches tend to demoralise the team" — a comment that the Board would do well to follow up on.

Umrigar's idea that there should be a camp, say 15 days prior to the departure of the team so that players can be conditioned to the sort of things they will encounter on the tour, is also worthy of serious thought. "On the present tours, it took us a lot of time to mould the team together. During the camp, practice could be arranged on concrete wickets or matting laid on concrete wickets so that players can have practice against fast, rising

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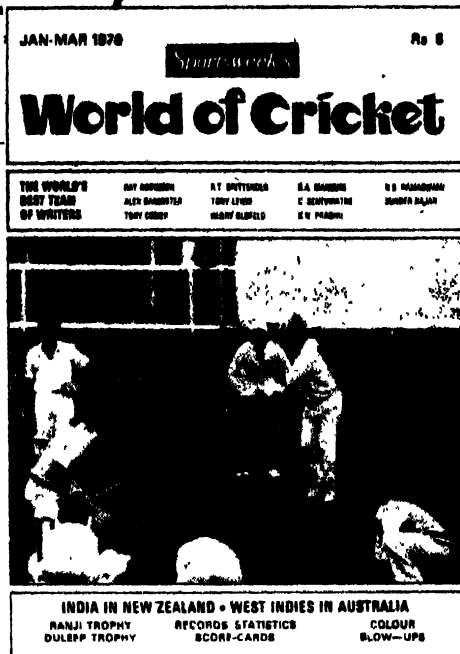
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deliveries. Such a camp should be arranged at the cost of our domestic cricket so that the players can be spared the agony of playing such matches barely a week before their departure. And in their absence, youngsters will get a chance to represent their teams in domestic cricket."

It is hoped that the suggestions made by the manager receive the consideration they merit. The Cri-Control Board must act now so that we can plan for next season before the New Zealanders and the M.C.C. arrive for yet another busy season.

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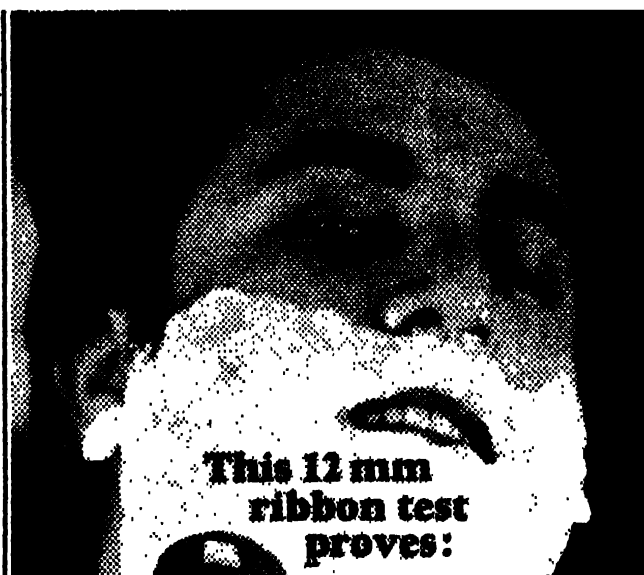
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G. R. VISWANATH: An artist by himself and the backbone of the middle-order. It was a treat to watch him go for his strokes.

DILIP VENGSAKAR: Made a great impact on veteran West Indies cricketers. His place is in the middle-order where he should succeed. His bat comes too far ahead of his pad, a defect he is trying to remedy.

*but with
heads held
high—
a manager
reports*

by SHARAD KOTNIS

BRIJESH PATEL: His figures speak for themselves. Is showing an increasing ability to play the rising ball. Has matured into a fine player. Excellent fielder.

MADAN LAL: Played with guts. Possesses extraordinary stamina and is an asset to any side.

PARTHASARATHY SHARMA: Although he got runs as an opener in other matches, his place is in the middle-order. Has good temperament to build an innings.

SUDHAKAR RAO: Has good potential. Could not get enough chances on such short tours.

S. M. H. KIRMANI: Kept well in New Zealand. Did not keep well in West Indies against spinners due to the uneven bounce of the wickets.

P. KRISHNAMURTHY: Did not get enough match-practice. Was not included in the last Test so that a winning-combination was not disturbed.

E. D. SOLKAR: Moving down the grade in batting as well as in



B. S. Chandrasekhar

fielding. Can come back if he takes his task seriously.

SURINDER AMARNATH: Goes for his strokes too early. The cross bat ones were his undoing. If he concentrates more, he is sure to improve.

BISHEN BEDI: No praise can be too high for him. Showed guts when he came on to bowl with the fractured finger of his bowling arm to "make a match of it" in the final Test. A good leader who inspired his team to great heights.

E. A. S. PRASANNA: Still an artist. Injury in the first Test kept him away and the younger Venkat, who is a better fielder and whose bowling was better suited to the Caribbean wickets, came in.

B. S. CHANDRASEKHAR: Was our main bowler along with Bedi. Worked hard throughout the tour and earned ample reward.

S. VENKATRAGHAVAN: Most unlucky bowler. Time and again he kept the batsmen on a leash without success. A good fielder.

Umrigar clears a few doubts

POLLY UMRIGAR clarified certain statements attributed to him and which were carried by Indian newspapers.

He said the question of his refusing to play on the rest day of the second Test at Port of Spain never arose. No one even suggested it because, according to the rules, there cannot be play on the rest day if the first day's play is washed out. That eventuality arises

only if the second or third day's play is washed out.

Umrigar emphasised that he would not have refused something advantageous to his team. He was rather pained that the Indian correspondents touring with the team had filed their dispatches without verifying the facts.

The pressmen touring with the team had accused Umrigar of not

inviting them for the champagne party to celebrate the third Test victory. The party was hurriedly arranged and the West Indies Board president Jeff Stollmeyer hosted it.

Whoever came to congratulate the team was asked to join the party. Umrigar says the pressmen in question did not have the courtesy to come and congratulate the team.



A cover for intimidation —Umrigar

What ridge?

THE much talked about ridge on the Sabina Park wicket did not exist at all. It was just an excuse to cloak the use of intimidatory tactics which were unfair and unsporting, according to Umrigar.

Where was the ridge on the first day? Umrigar says they were sitting and watching the match from the pavilion which was parallel to the wicket and so they could see where and how short the ball was pitched.

They bowled beamers and then pretended that the ball

slipped. How could a ball slip from a bowler's hand who had been bowling for so long? asked Umrigar.

"The wicket was fast. The grass was not cut but the strip was just rolled and watered. Besides a side wicket was selected for this Test.

"The fault lay with the umpires who were guilty of not interpreting Law 46 (fair and unfair play) and in not warning the bowlers for their intimidatory tactics. We did not protest. We only told the press that 'this was not cricket.'"

Killing the 'spirit' of the game

Dattu Phadkar: the umpires were definitely wrong in not intervening under Law 46 when fast, short-pitched balls were persistently bowled at the Indian batsmen.

When Michael Holding went round the wicket and started attacking the batsmen's body, bowling three or four bouncers an over, he was certainly violating the spirit of the law.

Clive Lloyd is reported to have said that the Indians were afraid of fast bowling and that Holding's deliveries rose sharply off a ridge on the pitch. Does that mean the Indian batsmen became afraid after the first day, and the ridge suddenly appeared on the second day?

The Indians batted well on the first day because the fast-bowling tactics did not involve more than one or two bumpers per over. As for Lloyd's contention that Brijesh Patel was hit by a ball he took his eyes off, which batsman—even the best—is not afraid of facing bouncers?

Yet when you get one or two an over they can be dealt with. But if it's three or four, you can't play your strokes correctly because you're surprised by the delivery which isn't a bouncer!"

Shute Banerjee: The bumper is a legitimate weapon of the fast bowler and banning the delivery would be cricket's loss but there should be a limit to its use and it should be utilised only to get the batsman to make a mistake — not aimed at the player with the purpose of injuring him.

The West Indies' excessive use

Last week, SPORTSWEEK carried views of eminent Indian cricketers on the controversial aspects of the Sabina Park Test between India and the West Indies. Here are some more views on the same topic.

of bumpers was deliberately motivated, and went against the very spirit of the game. Cricket's lawmakers had framed the rules with the intention of maintaining cricket's ethical content: and though one or two bumpers an over were permissible, the over-use of such a delivery — aimed at the batsman's body—was tantamount to ungentlemanly conduct in cricketing terms.

G. S. Ramchand: It's very difficult to say from this distance whether Lloyd was right or wrong. But, it did look as though Lloyd was out to win this Test and the series. He simply had to win at any cost and he chose to employ this method to win. As for the ridge, there are so many contradictory reports that one doesn't really know what exactly the conditions were. Holding may have got carried away and overdone the bouncers a bit.

Bedi has clarified that he did not declare but closed the innings. Considering that five men were injured, there was little else that Bishen could have done. With no able-bodied men to come in, he had no alternative. Personally

speaking, however, I would have gone out even with one hand in plaster. Besides, Bedi could easily have avoided a controversy if only he had led the side out in the Windies' second innings. But I don't think he did it as a form of protest.

M. M. Jagdale: I'm quite dissatisfied about the manner in which skipper Bedi conceded the match. It was against the spirit of the game to close India's second innings without Bedi and Chandrashekhar going in to bat — that would have been okay only if they were so unfit that they could not move. Bedi's absence in the Windies' second innings was also an unsporting gesture.

The Kingston Test has once again exposed our inability to play the rising ball and it does no good to Indian cricket to blame Holding this time and someone else another time. It requires courage to confess one's own weakness and Bedi should have exhibited the same. In short, it's not cricket.

Swaranjit Singh: Have the means justified the end? If victory is to be achieved at any cost and by any means, I would not like to be a party to it and helplessly see the phrase "It's not cricket" thrown overboard. Though beaten in the series, the moral victory was ours. Our players have ushered in a new era of courage and determination in Indian cricket. From Down Under, they fought back with grit and rare pluck, to turn the tables on the West Indies. They had shaken the confidence of West Indians, so that they had to resort to bumpers and beamers.

Holding not to blame

by
PAT GIBSON

MICHAEL HOLDING must be a confused young man as he packs his bag for his second cricket tour and third Test series inside eight months.

The tall, slim Jamaican, 22 in February, went to support Andy Roberts in the confrontation with Lillee and Thomson. Five Tests yielded only 10 wickets at an average of more than 61, yet everyone applauded his hostility and potential.

Back he went to the Caribbean, took over as the West Indian warhead when Roberts was rested in readiness for this summer's England tour and finished with 19 wickets at less than 20 apiece after four Tests against India. And suddenly he's the whipping boy from Lord's to Lahore.

Intimidatory bowling is the charge. Yet Holding, applying the logic of his profession of computer programmer, might well ask: "If the fast bowler is not there to intimidate, what is he there for?"

Perhaps his visit to England this summer will further his education.

For a man who had already played in nine Tests, Holding's experience is strictly limited. He

had taken only 16 first-class wickets and seen nothing of the world outside his native islands when he was chosen for Australia. There the short-pitched ball could be bowled as often as he liked.

Hardened by this background, it would seem only natural to him to use the bouncer as his chief weapon against stubborn little Indian batsmen notoriously vulnerable against fast bowling.

The bouncer is, was, and always will be, part of the fast bowler's armoury. For that reason it is virtually impossible to legislate against its misuse.

The sole arbiter must be the umpire. And if Australian and West Indian umpires cannot define "intimidatory" then it is up to the English ones to show them in the forthcoming series.

With an England recommendation for an interchange of umpires between Test-playing countries coming before the International Cricket Conference in July, now is the time to stamp on an increasing problem that could ruin the game for players and spectators alike.



Art or brute force?

by JAMES LAWTON

BISHEN BEDI, one way or another, was always going to be a victim of the relentless march of modern cricket.

The man who sports a turban as a peacock spreads its wings, whose arm action describes the delicate tracery of a work of art, is as magical as the Indian rope trick when he hits the spot, languidly but with such finesse.

But who would back him amid the acrid smoke of a duel involving such aggressive forces as Thomson and Lillee, Andy Roberts and his eager young assistant Michael Holding?

Sadly, the weight of evidence from Kingston, Jamaica, suggests that he had no stomach for the fight. India, insisted Bedi, did not declare on 97 for five and hand the series to the West Indians, who needed to score only 13 runs in their final innings.

They simply ran out of fit batsmen, players unscarred by the apparent violence of Holding's short-pitched deliveries.

Reasonably enough, Bedi was invited to explain why he did not bat in the first innings, before he incurred an "agonising" injury to a finger, and he replied, deadpan, that he wondered who would have done the bowling had he been hit on the head.

The overwhelming temptation is to wonder whether Bishen Bedi might be the impending recipient of a set of white feathers.

Brian Close, arguably the bravest man to set foot on a cricket field, puts that in perspective though.

He told me: "It would be easy at this distance to make certain comments, but it is not on. The circumstances of any one game are peculiar, and I might be completely wrong.

"Yes, I might have batted on. But a cricket ball doesn't hurt me, and I'm perhaps not the best judge."

Maybe there is one main source of regret from this affair. It is that Test cricket, so far along the road of intimidatory bowling, would no longer seem to have a place for Bishen Bedi.

He has expressed his distaste in an ambiguous way, in a fashion which invites more questions than it answers.

What the administrators of the game have to do now, surely, is to insist that umpires do not allow cricket to become little more than a simple test of brute force and raw courage.

That would be the only reward of some bleak days in the Caribbean this spring.

Harder, bouncier balls for Tests . . .

by JOHN THICKNESSE

CRICKET spectators in England have wasted no time proving what an explosion of interest was created by last year's World Cup and two Test series with Australia.

At Lord's last week, nearly 1100 paid for admission to the MCC-Leicestershire match — more than twice as many as have watched any opening day since 1971 — and despite bitter weather the weekend Benson and Hedges Cup and John Player League matches were well attended.

The big turn-outs show what a rare chance exists to consolidate the gains of 1975. Thanks to the World Cup, the game's spectator potential has been increased by tens of thousands. It is up to the players to make use of it.

The England team under Tony Greig can play a big part in keeping crowds happy. Awful things have happened to the West Indians in the past six months, including, sadly, the exposure of Lloyd as a

hopeless captain of a losing team, and England can beat them if they set about it logically.

It doesn't require any genius to predict that the first battle, at Trent Bridge on June 3, will be the important one.

After the West Indian collapse of morale in Australia, England should be on to a good thing if they win that match, and I don't doubt the captain thinks the same.

But for misgivings about the pace of pitches, I would regard the 3-1 being offered against England for the series as a marvellous bet.

The danger lies in the Tests being played in the same sort of conditions as they were last year, when even someone of Jeff Thomson's extreme speed could be played on the front foot in safety if not comfort.

Three successive draws were just about acceptable against Australia, because after being badly beaten in the winter, it was important for the well-being of the English game

that the team should regain their self-respect.

It won't do this year. With travelling, and meals there is often no change from a fiver from a day at a Test and spectators won't again be content with second best. If Roberts drops one short, they want to see the damn thing bounce!

The Test and County Cricket Board, incidentally, are concerned enough about the lack of bounce in English pitches to have called on manufacturers to try to produce a different kind of cricket ball — harder and more resilient — in the belief that a combination of factors is responsible. Experiments with the first batch will take place this summer.

For this year's Tests, however, the signs are not too hopeful despite a dry winter. I can't shake off a bad feeling inside me that we are due for four dull draws with the series going to the side that seizes its opportunity or just gets lucky—for example, Derek Underwood on a wet one — in the odd match.

. . . And Amiss & Brearley get set



Mike Brearley . . . mounting a challenge

by PAT GIBSON

DENNIS AMISS is alive and well and ready to reclaim his place in the England side. And Mike Brearley, for so long on the fringe of Test selection, has mounted his challenge to be in there with him when the West Indies series begins in June.

Together they mocked the bowling resources of county champions Leicester at Lord's last week with an opening stand of 301 to sweep MCC to an astonishing nine wicket

victory in the traditional opening fixture.

What is not traditional is batting of this quality in April. Amiss, dropped by England last year, scored a superb 164 with a six and twenty-four 4's, and Brearley was not far behind with a six and twelve 4's in his unbeaten 137.

Leicester skipper Ray Illingworth had set MCC the seemingly demanding task of scoring 325 to win in 4½ hours. And rain clipped 12 minutes off that before there was a run on the board.

Yet Amiss and Brearley made the target appear simple with the kind of strokeplay that would have graced Lord's in mid-summer.

Amiss was back to his dominating best of 1974, when he failed by only two runs to beat Bobby Simpson's record aggregate of 1,381 Test runs in a calendar year.

Gone was the uncertainty instilled by his traumatic experience against Dennis Lillee combining in scores of 0, 0, 0, 4, 5, 0 and 10 in his last seven innings against Australia before being left out for the third Test.

His 50 came in only 51 minutes, his century, the 46th of his career in 133 minutes, and 150 in 204 minutes before he finally played inside a well-flighted delivery from Jack Birkenshaw and was bowled.

Brearley, the 33-year-old Middlesex captain never offered a chance



Dennis Amiss . . . getting out of a slump

and became more fluent as he went on. Once he had driven Clift for his tenth 4 to complete a hundred in 196 minutes, he looked just as commanding as Amiss, celebrating with an enormous six to the longest boundary at the Nursery End.

The opening stand of 301 took only 221 minutes and meant that M.C.C. had ample time to knock off the 24 required for victory.

The scores: Leicester 247 for 3 decl. and 226 for 2 decl.

M.C.C. 149 and 326 for 1.

Brijesh, Richards top the batting



Brijesh Patel (top) and
Vivian Richards



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S. M. Gavaskar	4	7	—	390	156	2	1	3	—	55.71
S. Madan Lal	4	7	3	189	55*	—	1	1	—	47.25
G. R. Viswanath	4	6	—	255	112	1	1	4	—	42.50
M. Amarnath	4	7	—	278	85	—	2	4	—	39.71
A. D. Gaekwad	3	5	1	145	81*	—	1	1	—	36.25
D. B. Vengsarkar	2	3	—	61	39	—	—	2	—	20.33
E. D. Solkar	1	1	—	13	13	—	—	3	—	13.00
S. M. H. Kirmani	4	5	2	35	15	—	—	5	2	11.66
S. Amarnath	2	3	—	29	21	—	—	1	—	9.66
S. Venkatraghavan	3	3	—	22	13	—	—	1	—	7.33
P. Sharma	1	2	—	7	6	—	—	—	—	3.50
B. S. Bedi	4	3	—	10	10	—	—	—	—	3.33
E. A. S. Prasanna	1	1	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	3.00
B. S. Chandrasekhar	4	3	2	1	1*	—	—	2	—	1.00

CENTURIES (4): 156 by Gavaskar and 115* by Patel, both in second Test in Port of Spain; 102 by Gavaskar and 112 by Viswanath, both in third Test in Port of Spain.

CENTURY PARTNERSHIPS (4): 204 (5th wicket) Gavaskar and Patel in second Test in Port of Spain; 108 (2nd wicket) Gavaskar and Mohinder Amarnath; 159 (3rd wicket) Mohinder and Viswanath, both in third Test in Port of Spain; 136 (1st wicket) Gavaskar and Gaekwad in fourth Test at Kingston.

Two catches by substitute fielders were held in fourth Test in Kingston, one by Solkar and the other by Sharma. These are not counted in Test career records.

BOWLING

	B	M	R	W	Best	5w1	Ave
Bedi	1223	62	456	18	5-82	1	25.33
Chandrasekhar	1214	43	656	21	6-120	2	31.23
M. Amarnath	264	7	150	3	2-53	—	50.00
Venkatraghavan	1062	49	370	7	3-65	—	52.85
Madan Lal	324	10	145	1	1-16	—	145.00
Prasanna	144	2	66	0	—	—	—
Solkar	54	2	40	0	—	—	—
Gaekwad	24	0	14	0	—	—	—
Vengsarkar	5	0	7	0	—	—	—

5 WICKETS IN AN INNINGS: 6 for 120 in third Test in Port of Spain and 5 for 153 in fourth Test in Kingston, both by Chandrasekhar; 5 for 82 in second Test in Port of Spain by Bedi.

WEST INDIES — BATTING

	T	I	N.O.	R	H.S.	100	50	Ct	St	Ave
I. V. A. Richards	4	6	—	556	177	3	1	3	—	92.66
A. I. Kallicharran	4	6	1	237	103*	1	1	1	—	47.40
C. H. Lloyd	4	6	—	283	102	1	2	—	—	47.16
R. C. Fredericks	4	7	1	202	82	—	2	2	—	33.66
D. L. Murray	4	6	—	189	71	—	1	10	2	31.50
L. G. Rowe	4	7	1	179	47	—	—	3	—	29.83
B. D. Julien	4	6	2	111	47	—	—	4	—	27.75
M. A. Holding	4	6	1	77	55	—	1	—	—	15.40
W. Daniel	1	1	—	11	11	—	—	—	—	11.00
D. A. J. Holford	2	3	—	13	9	—	—	—	—	4.33
A. M. E. Roberts	2	3	1	5	4*	—	—	—	—	2.50
R. R. Jumadeen	4	3	1	4	3	—	—	1	—	2.00
V. A. Holder	1	1	1	36	36*	—	—	—	—	—
Imtiaz Ali	1	1	1	1	1*	—	—	—	—	—
A. L. Padmore	1	1	—	0	0	—	—	—	—	—

CENTURIES (5): 142 by Richards and 102 by Lloyd in first Test at Bridgetown; 130 by Richards in second Test at Port of Spain; 177 by Richards and 103* by Kallicharran in third Test in Port of Spain.

CENTURY PARTNERSHIPS (6): 220 (3rd wicket) Richards and Kallicharran in first Test at Bridgetown; 122 (5th wicket) Richards and Murray in second Test in Port of Spain; 124 (4th wicket) Richards and Lloyd; 107 (6th wicket) Richards and Julien, both in third Test in Port of Spain; 105 (1st wicket) Fredericks and Rowe; 107 (7th wicket) Murray and Holding, both in fourth Test in Kingston.

BOWLING

	B	M	R	W	Best	5w1	Ave
Holding	827	35	378	19	6-65	1	19.89
Holford	271	7	126	6	5-23	1	21.00
Roberts	318	12	176	6	3-51	—	29.33
Jumadeen	828	43	278	9	3-57	—	30.88
Daniel	140	7	64	2	2-52	—	32.00
Imtiaz Ali	204	9	89	2	2-37	—	44.50
Julien	606	31	270	2	1-35	—	135.00
Padmore	456	21	135	1	1-37	—	135.00
Holder	198	6	69	0	—	—	—
Lloyd	60	0	33	0	—	—	—
Richards	36	0	17	0	—	—	—
Fredericks	36	2	10	0	—	—	—

5 WICKETS IN AN INNINGS: 6 for 65 by Holding in third Test in Port of Spain; 5 for 23 by Holford in first Test at Bridgetown.

From here and there

MESSRS. Nirlon Synthetic Fibres & Chemicals Ltd., Bombay, renowned manufacturers of Nirlon filament yarn, have donated a substantial amount to Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association for development and promotion of tennis among promising tennis players of the state below the age of 30 years. On the interest earned thereon, MSLTA will conduct a prize money tournament annually.

This year it will be staged at CCI tennis courts from 6th to 9th May, for players under 30 years of age, while for the juniors under 18 and 14 years of age, the championship will be conducted at the Khar Gymkhana from 26th to 30th May. The junior event will also be a prize money tournament. The following are the seedings: **Men's singles:** 1) Nimish Desai 2) Ilyas Ghouse 3) Rajesh Batra 4) Adil Ghouse. **Men's doubles:** 1) Nimish Desai & Rajesh Batra 2) Ilyas Ghouse & Adil Ghouse.

R. S. GENTLE, former hockey Olympian, will make the trip to the Montreal Olympics later this year — as the coach of the Kenyan team. Gentle will leave shortly for Nairobi where he will take charge of the Kenyan Olympic hockey squad. Later, after the Olympics he will take on a coaching assignment with the World Bank.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA, who are currently staging the Aga Khan hockey tournament on their lush-green ground, are planning to hold one of the two matches which the Montreal-bound Indian team will play in Bombay and Pune. Hockey lovers feel that the playing conditions at the Bombay Gymkhana will be ideal for an exhibition match featuring the Indian team.

THE Maharashtra State Amateur Boxing Association has reconsidered its decision to send a team to the Simla Nationals later this month in the light of the AIBA's stance of not recognising the ban imposed on one of its boxers, Garwal at the last Nationals at Bangalore. The MSABA had earlier decided to send a four-man team.

THE Automobile Association of Eastern India's Indo-Nepal Motor Rally ended in a blaze of glory for Bharat Parekh and his team in the motor car category and S. Nag in the motor cycle class. Both winners had a lot in common — tenacity, courage and perhaps most important of all, the make of their tyres — Dunlop! Indrajit

Gupta and his team were second whilst N. G. Chandra and P. Bose (both using Dunlop C49) finished third and fourth among the cars.

Following Nag home on the mopeds were T. Saha and B. Saha and fourth was R. N. Mitra.

AUSTRALIAN captain Greg Chappell has called for the formation of a players' union. Writing in a newspaper column, Chappell says the confrontation between South Australian players and officials during the last Sheffield season has strengthened his belief that such an association is needed. "I don't want to see a militant type of union but more of a buffer between administrators and players," he wrote. "Because of bigger schedules and more intense cricket, I feel it is imperative players have a say in important areas, for example, tour itineraries, season programmes and finance." He warns that "I don't feel players should run the game but they should have much more direct say."

BARRY RICHARDS, considered by many to be the world's most exciting batsman, admitted recently that he was having trouble with his eyesight — and may have to wear contact-lenses. "I am short-sighted in the left eye," Richards confessed recently. "I still have 90% good vision and that's enough for me to make good scores," he added.

A 30-member Crock Town football team from Durham, England, arrived in Calcutta recently to play six exhibition matches in West Bengal.

Bobby Charlton, one of the greatest English professionals, who was scheduled to have come with the team, could not make the trip due to ankle injury. The club, led by Charles Gott, includes a number of English and Irish internationals

and the World Cup player Terry Paine.

WORLD heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali was given a tough time by Jack Young who took the champ to the full distance of 15 rounds in their title bout at Maryland. Ali won a close points-decision.

Phony tour

THE Wanderers cricket tour of South Africa was nothing more than a phony, according to the most powerful man in coloured cricket. He is Hassan Howa—former president of the South African Cricket Board of Control, the non-white controlling body. Howa made his views known half-way through the Wanderers tour, following his decision to ban any non-white player who competes with the Wanderers, from non-white cricket. Three coloured cricketers, Tiffie Barnes, Howie Bergins, and Winston Carlese have been banned for this reason.

"At the moment, we have multi-racial soccer, multi-racial cricket, multi-racial anything you can think of," said the 53-year-old Howa. "This is nothing. It is just window-dressing because FIFA delegates are here to look at our soccer and the Wanderers are here to look at our cricket."

"I do not use the term 'multi-racial cricket' — I say 'normal cricket' — and that is cricket played by all races at all levels with equal facilities and opportunities. Are these matches against the Wanderers normal cricket? No, they are abnormal cricket. Three players are picked not because they are good players but because they are black," he said.



The winning team in the 1,370 km Indo-Nepal motor rally . . . (from left) R. Dutta Gupta, Susantha Mukherjee, Bharat Parekh and K. Basu Ray

TIPS TO YOUNG CRICKETERS — 18

A fine repertoire of strokes and a keen eye are not enough. Tactical sense, imagination judiciously applied, a knowledge of your opponents, some know-how about how wicket surfaces play under changing weather conditions, and for many of us, the all-important feeling of mental peace go into compiling a big score.

I found the most trying time for a batsman was waiting for the wicket to fall which signalled his approach to the wickets. This is definitely the most nerve-racking period. You keep on hoping for the opening batsman at the wicket to remain there and then perhaps go on to a solid stand, which makes it so much easier for you.

Batting at number three like I did gives a great deal of responsibility, for it rests on you to a great extent to form the backbone of the innings. One soon realises that if one of the openers fails and you also fail, then the side gets into a great deal of trouble.

Although the waiting period is the most tense time, it does give you the opportunity to study what the bowler is doing with the ball. It gives you an insight into how fast they are bowling and whether the ball is swinging one or both ways. This is a most important point to know. It makes batting so much easier if you are aware which way the bowler moves the ball in the air or which way he spins it off the wicket.

Batting is twice as difficult, especially against spin bowling, if the

batsman cannot pick which way the ball is turning until it hits the pitch. Balls which normally could be hit for four, providing one can pick up the direction of spin, by watching the bowler's hand, can be made to look almost unplayable. Thus you can see that having a keen eye goes a long way towards making a good batsman, but it is not everything.

The most important thing, whether one may be just commencing an innings, or if you are on 100, is the all important word, concentration. Without this asset one cannot become a Test cricketer. I have seen many players who can bat wonderfully well for a certain time, suddenly lapse in concentration, and soon find themselves back in the pavilion. If you want to become a top-class batsman, concentration is your number one asset.

A good way to test the value of concentration is to reflect for a few minutes on how you were out in the previous innings. No doubt you will be surprised to discover how seldom you can truthfully concede that you were out to a superb piece of bowling or fielding. Most often you have got yourself out and usually a lapse of concentration was the cause.

Of course, once your innings has begun, the most difficult period to overcome is the first 20 minutes at the crease. In preparation for this vital stage of your innings, it is most necessary to accustom yourself to the existing light out at the wicket. This is best achieved

by sitting in the same light as exists at the wicket. It is useless to sit in a dark dressing-room and expect to see the ball when you reach the wicket. This has been the cause of many a player's downfall—because his eyes have been accustomed to the light. And never as you stride to the batting crease, look directly into the sun.

An important part of your preparation for an innings is to be ready when your turn to bat arrives. Pad up well in advance to avoid a last minute rush if wickets fall unexpectedly. Waiting to bat, your abdominal protector should be in position, your batting gloves, cap and bat should be near at hand. The laws of cricket allow in-coming batsmen two minutes to reach the wicket from the time the previous wicket falls and you can prevent a breathless rush to get out there inside this time limit by making the correct preparations.

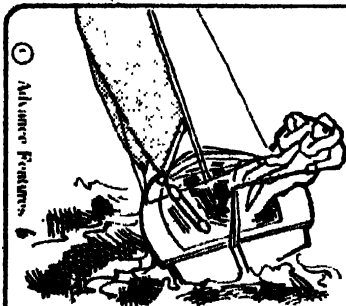
At the fall of a wicket, you should be neither flurried nor bustled, donning your cap and gloves, picking up your bat and going out to meet the in-coming batsman on the field just inside the gate. Don't hurry to the wicket but don't dawdle. Give your eyes time to get used to the light on the field and don't look at the sun. And wait for the right ball to "break you duck" with—don't go waving the bat around looking for boundaries straight away.

Neil Harvey in Cricket—
The Australian Way
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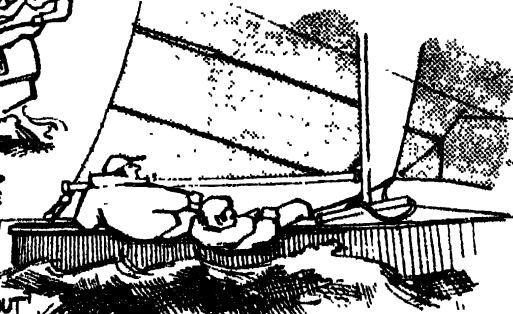
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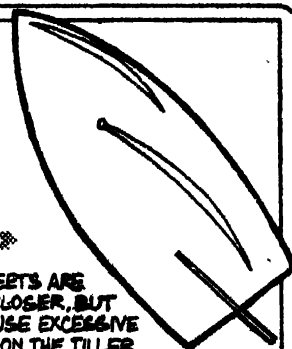
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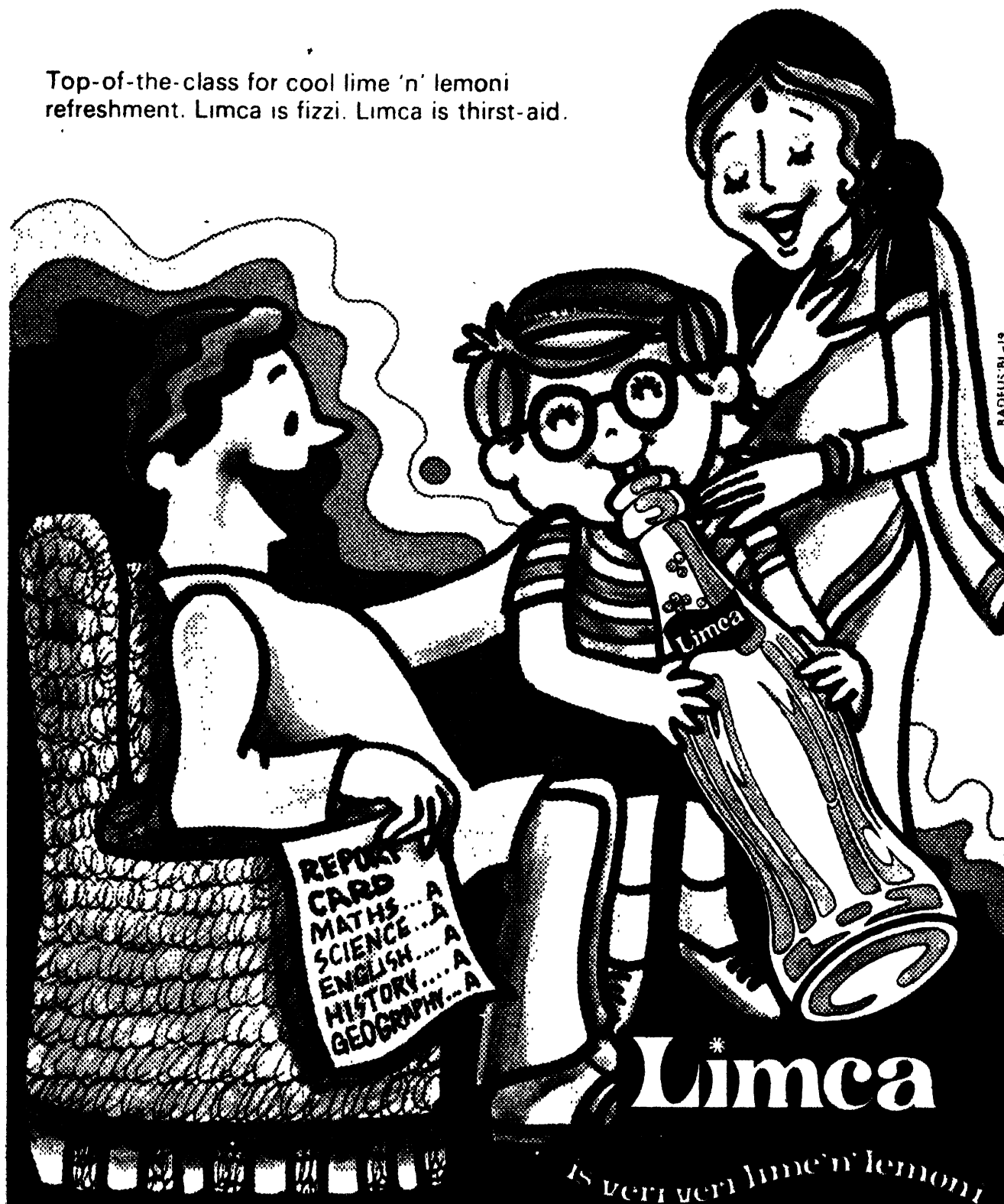
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Stop now, before someone gets...

THE first Lord's Taverners International Sportsnight, staged at Quaglino's on April 17, 1975, was a roaring success. The topic set down for discussion after dinner was "Cricket Lovely Cricket — Stop, now, before someone gets killed" and it was approaching one in the morning before panel chairman Frank Bough, with this theme in mind, reluctantly closed the discussion — perhaps just before one or two in attendance collapsed from exhaustion.

The casting of the panel was inspired: the thoughtful cavalier Ted Dexter, laconic Jim Laker, the explosive Robin Marlar, and with hands figuratively tied behind back, but voice penetrating figurative gag, Tony Greig.

Carrying the debate from the floor, among a distinguished audience were former England players Freddie Brown, Bill Edrich, Jack Robertson, Fred Rumsey and Reg Simpson but the first fast bowling

The vexing 'bumper question' has once more bounced into the limelight after three Indian batsmen were hit at Sabina Park in the last Test against the West Indies. In the piece reproduced below from the **CRICKETER INTERNATIONAL**, **DAVID FRITH** reports on a meeting convened shortly after Dennis' Englishmen had been given the battering of their lives by Lillee and Thomson Down Under.

tale came from Taverners' past president Alf Gover, who told of the reactions of Notts captain A. W. Carr, 'the arch priest of aggressive fast bowling' to a quick, short ball from Maurice Allom, of Surrey, which had the batsman falling on his backside. Picking himself up, Carr turned to Percy Fender at slip and said, "This is no way to play cricket!"

On the subject of batsmen wearing crash-helmets, Ted Dexter who wore one only on his motor-cycle, never against Hall and Griffith, said that cricket would lose something if the 'element of vigour' was taken out of it. People die skiing, playing rugby and so on. People don't die — at the first-class level at any rate — playing cricket. It was up to the umpires to maintain strict control. Greig later added his view that bowlers themselves ought to exercise control in this matter and ought not to depend on umpires' tolerance.

Jim Laker reeled off some magic names—Lindwall, Miller, Trueman, Tyson — then stated that he had never seen anything as 'vicious' as the attack of Lillee and Thomson in Australia against Dennis' men. A bouncer, he said, is not necessarily a bad thing . . . but three or four an over is overdoing it. This was intimidation. Geoff Arnold received the best bouncer Laker has ever seen. It was his first ball and it parted his hair! "Lindwall," said Laker, "never bowled me a bouncer. He said that if he couldn't bowl out a number nine he shouldn't be playing for Australia."

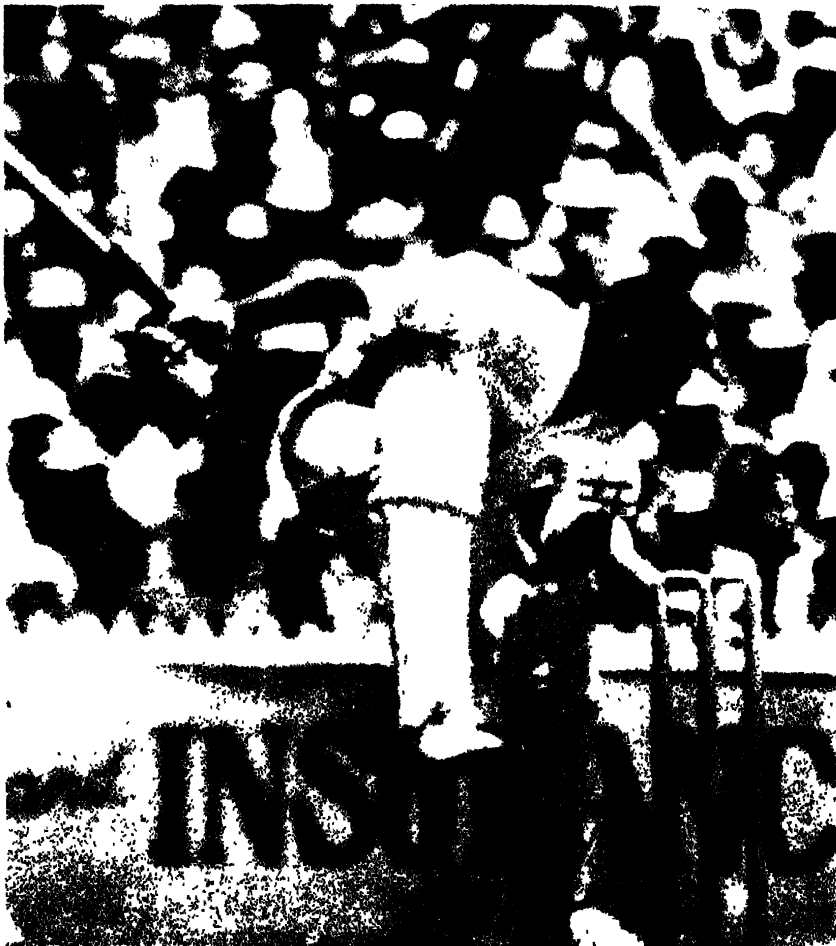
Reg Simpson, after some prompting, got to his feet and stated that the best thing a batsman could do to short-pitched bowling was to sway and let it go through to the 'keeper. Fast bowlers soon grow tired of that. Much nodding and murmuring of 'hear, hear.'

As the candles burned low Tony Greig expressed the opinion that there would be some benefit to umpires of all countries meeting regularly; after all, the Test players do. This could bring more consistency to Law-interpretation. Dexter felt that the Law relating to intimidatory bowling was far too vague anyway.

PIA thrills

THE Pakistan International Airlines cricket team, on its recent short tour to the United Arab Emirates, helped give the game a great boost in the Gulf area and thrilled the enthusiastic crowds, consisting mostly of Pakistani settlers.

IRAN proposes to go in for cricket in a big way. It would invite teams from Pakistan and Kuwait to give the game a further boost in the country.



Alan Turner, the Australian opening batsman ducks hurriedly under a bouncer from West Indian Michael Holding during the Sydney Test earlier this year

No tears for Apartheid

THE Government of India has time and again declared in no uncertain terms its reactions to the 'Apartheid' policy of the South African Government. This unfortunate 'colour' policy of the South African Government began to make itself felt on fields too. That was a tragedy inasmuch as no sensible person would allow the colour of the skin to gauge sporting merit. Cricket, it is correctly said, is not only a sport, but is 'a gentleman's game.' The word has found a permanent place in the English language to connote 'fairness.' Hence, when the Cricket Control Board in South Africa, dominated by their Government policy, brought in the 'colour policy' in the selection of and treatment to their players, sports lovers all over the world woke up to their responsibility and declared in one voice that they would not tolerate it.

The ICC banned and removed the South African Cricket Control Board from this august committee of cricket playing nations. The ban will stand until the South African Government changes its policy. The Indian Board supported this stand and no change in this policy can be thought while the South African Government sticks to its detestable policy of 'colour-bar'.

It is true that because of this policy, the cricketing world is deprived of seeing great players in action. It is also true that this ban on South African cricket has blunted the keen competition at the international level. One feels sad that cricketers of the calibre of Mike Proctor and Barry Richards, who have been acknowledged by one and all as outstanding cricketers of the decade, cannot play in representative international cricket.

But this evil is lesser in intensity and character than the ghastly evil which the South African cricket authorities wanted to perpetuate by banning equally great cricketers from being selected to represent their country only because the colour of their skin

by Prof. M. V.
CHANDGADKAR

Ex-Secretary,
Cri-Control Board

was black. Basil D'Oliveira is one example, adequate enough to prove the sin being committed with knowledge by the South African policy. Do we need more?

Efforts have been made during the last two years to bring understanding into the white hearts of the South African cricket authorities. These efforts may succeed and if they do, joy shall be ours. Yet, it must be made clear to well meaning people that there can never be any half-hearted compromises. The revival of South African cricket and their entry to any international competition shall be based only on merit and merit alone.

In spite of this civilised approach which should be acceptable to any cultured mind, there are people who are beating their breasts wailing for the great and irreparable loss to cricket because of the ban wisely placed on South Africa. A recent example is David Frith of "The Cricketer" who in his piquant satire has tried to grin at the policy adopted by one of the West Indies islands. In the Winter Annual of "The Cricketer International," he, in his succinct and succulent style, writes: "It is hardly classified information that some observers fully expect Test cricket to fall into two separate divisions by the 1980s—white and non-white. What a joyless prospect! Presumably these Jeremiahs see a clique of England, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, perhaps joined by Canada, Holland and Corfu. West Indies will play against India and Pakistan, and Sri Lanka will get their long-awaited elevation. Bangladesh will have their chance. South Africa's non-Europeans will at last utilise theirs. There might even be two World Cups. If you think there

is too much Test cricket now, wait for the Orwellian arrangements next decade!" The article has been also reproduced in SPORTSWEEK (11th April, 1976), along with another piece by Crawford White.

Before dilating on what is written by Frith, one should ask oneself these questions: What would be the reaction in the white world, if the West Indies Board had kept out of their teams men like Jeff Stollmeyer or Gerry Alexander only because the colour of their skin was not black? Would it not have been disastrous, tolling the death-knell of West Indies cricket? What would have been the fate of that unique cricketer, Sir Learie Constantine or for that matter of that great unifying force of West Indies cricket Sir Frankie Worrell or of that mercurial cricketer Sir Garfield Sobers if they had been born and lived in South Africa? The Queen of England would not have had the chance to touch their shoulders with her imperial sword to make them her "Knights"!

Even the South African white cricketers are not happy with the policy adopted by their Government. A story is told of a famous white South African cricketer who took the first opportunity to shake hands with an equally famous Indian leg-spinner who was on Ron Roberts' tour some years back and said: "I am so happy to meet you. We would be proud to play against you, but what can we do? Our Government doesn't want us to!" Given freedom of action, every South African white cricketer would break the tyrannous shackles and be happily willing to play and live with any cricketer no matter what the colour of his skin. It is cricket that matters to him. A Government, therefore, which pur-Board which is left with no option sues a treacherous policy and the but to toe its Government's line cannot get any sympathy.

If, therefore, cricket is suffering today because of the ban on South African cricket, it would have suffered immeasurably more had they been permitted to pursue their policy unbridled and unchecked. What has been done today is undoubtedly in the larger interest of cricket and, of course, in the interest of humanity and human relationships. Let it be understood once and for all that cricket is a great game; but it cannot be nursed at the cost of humanity. Let cricket prosper, grow, and flourish. Let it win the hearts of many, please the eyes of all; yet let not those very hearts and eyes see the death of humanity at the altar of 'apartheid' cricket!

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton



Busy schedule for Pakistan

KARACHI: PAKISTAN, who did not play a single Test during the 1975-76 season, will have a busy schedule over the next seven years, according to Abdul Hafeez Kardar, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan.

Recently, at the request of Kardar, BCCP secretary Khalid Mahmood undertook a month-long tour of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Bermuda, West Indies and England. As a result he came back loaded with a number of tours abroad and Test series at home.

In November 1976, Pakistan will play host to New Zealand in a three-Test series which will be followed by a tour of Australia from December 1976 to January 1977 during which three Tests and three other state games will be played.

At the end of the Australian tour Pakistan will undertake a goodwill visit to Fiji and then proceed to the West Indies in February 1977 for a five-Test series.

Pakistan's international programme for the next six years after the West Indies tour is:

One-day international in Pakis-

tan in aid of Test cricketers' testimonial fund — October 1977.

England in Pakistan — October-December 1977.

Pakistan in England — May-July 1978.

Pakistan in New Zealand—December 1978 to January 1979.

Pakistan in Australia — February 1979.

Australia in Pakistan — 1979-80.

West Indies in Pakistan — 1980-81.

England in Pakistan — 1981-82 or 1983-84.

Pakistan in West Indies—1983.

Kardar added that there was no possibility of a tour by or to India as Pakistan is fully booked till 1983.

Kardar also announced the BCCP domestic first-class schedule for the 1976-77 season. From September 26 to 30, there would be a trial match at Lahore for the selection of the Pakistan team to meet New Zealand. The BCCP Pentangular is to be conducted on a knock-out basis from November 4 to 12. The National championship for the Quaid-E-Azam Trophy is scheduled

for November 15-30. The BCCP Patron's Trophy would begin on December 4 and end on January 9, 1977. The Servis/PTV Cup tournament of limited overs is to be played between January 12 and 31. The National under-19 championship will be played from February 2 to 8; the Habib Bank Gold Cup (limited overs) from February 10 to 20 and the United Bank Trophy (another limited overs tourney) from February 22 to March 2.

Kardar has requested the Pakistan Sports Board president Pirzada to have former Pakistan pace bowler Khan Mohammad re-engaged in September next to coach youth and coaches on a wider scale.

Khan Mohammad, who played 13 Tests for Pakistan, capturing 54 wickets and toured India in 1952-53, has settled in England. He is one of the M.C.C. coaches and had an assignment in Canada. He came to Pakistan in February last and coached youngsters.

THE Pakistan cricket selection committee for the next season will comprise of Imtiaz Ahmed (chairman), Mahmood Hussein and Ijaz Butt.

Aurangabad wakes up to sport

AURANGABAD:

UNTIL not so very long ago, Aurangabad used to be a sleepy little town in the heart of Maharashtra, best known for its proximity to the world-famous rock-cut cave temples at Ajanta and Ellora. Today, it is a throbbing, pulsating industrial centre, its face completely transformed by the 'industrial revolution,' spurred on by SICOM and the state government.

But 'all work and no play' would have made Aurangabad a dull town — so Aristo Pharmaceuticals, one of the newly-established concerns here decided to sponsor an inter-industries cricket tournament, which was a sellout success in its inaugural year. The smooth running of this, the first major tourney in the region has now emboldened the local cricketing authorities to stake a claim for a Ranji tie during the coming season—and also arrange a series of friendly exhibition matches, between visiting sides together with screening sports films, with a view to popularising "the cult of sport" (not cricket only, one hopes) in the region.

About 11 companies took part



Ashok Mankad hands over the Aristo Trophy to Ashok Boramanikar, API skipper, watched by H. J. Deshmane (left) and Nirupama Mankad (right)

in the inter-industries tourney and Automobile Products of India inscribed their name on the handsome Aristo trophy in the inaugural season. The runners-up position was claimed by Indian Tool Manufacturers Ltd.

At the prize distribution function, Indian Test star Ashok Mankad, who attended along with tennis-ace wife Nirupama, assured local authorities of all help in

their efforts to popularise sports in the region.

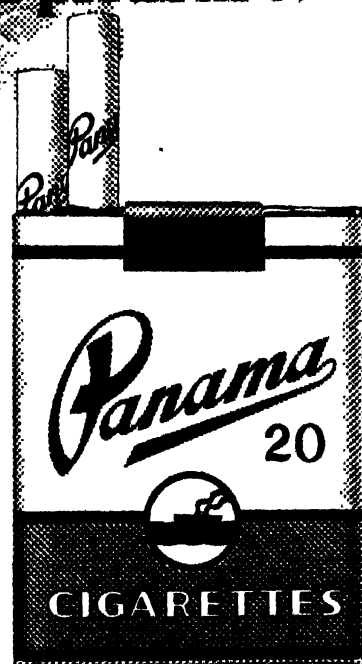
H. J. Deshmane, managing director of Aristo, gave the cricket-crazy youngsters in the area a much-needed tonic when he announced that Aristo would shortly sponsor a junior cricket tournament for schoolboys.....a decision that was received with loud cheers from the hundreds of enthusiastic schoolboys at the packed prize distribution function.



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COLOMBO:

TWENTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD Alan Singh, a jute mill executive from Calcutta created golf history in Sri Lanka, when he became the youngest player to triumph in the 85-year-old history of the championship which concluded last weekend at Nuwara Eliya, a health resort 16 miles from Colombo, nestling in the principal tea growing district of Sri Lanka.

The consensus of opinion here was that it would be an India-Pakistan final as the defending champion was a Pakistani — Taimur Hassan. But after Hassan was eliminated in the semi-final by Alan Singh, it was an all-India final between the youngster and former India and Sri Lanka champion, Vikramjit Singh.

A dour 36-hole tussle saw Alan Singh, who was one-down at the halfway stage at the 18th hole, come from behind to defeat his more experienced rival in one of the closest finals soon on this course.

For the first time, Australia sent two representatives, young amateur John Wilson and a naturalised Australian, Ceylonese Bode Muller. Both were eliminated in the earlier rounds against the strong opposition. India sent a formidable contingent of seven players, Alan Singh, Vikramjit Singh, Anil Khanna, Simran Singh (capt.), Achal Nath, Sanjeev Mehra and Katan Bali.

Pakistan, almost certain of retaining the title with Taimur Hassan (capt.), Imram Ahmad, Anwar Ali Khan, Shahzad Tarique and Mahmood Aziz did not come anywhere near striking distance with lone candidate Hassan being the only Pakistani to enter the last four. Then in a battle almost fit to be a final, Alan Singh, the Indian prodigy, overcame the superior opposition of Hassan knocking him out of the final in one of the most sensational displays of golf seen at Nuwara Eliya.

Altogether, 35 of the top golfers from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka fought it out bravely on one of the trickiest courses of Asia, hampered by bad weather, the blistering wind and a torrential downpour in the earlier rounds which was followed by brilliant sunshine and intermittent drizzles.

It was also for the first time in Ceylon that a large crowd of holiday-makers followed practically the whole course studded with hills, steep valleys, ravines and

rivulets with keenness and excitement.

Alan Singh was hailed as a popular champion. This was most evident when the final against compatriot Vikramjit Singh ended—the diminutive youngster was chaired shoulder-high by a dozen Indian labourers!

Amongst the four who entered the semi-finals, was a Ceylonese Pin Fernando, a former India and Sri Lanka champion who bowed out of the championships due mainly to misfortune. Fernando who had a clean sheet until the semi-final was beaten by Vikramjit Singh one up. It was Vikramjit's good fortune that enabled him to clinch the last hole and thus win by a single stroke.

The other semi-final between defending champion Taimur Hassan and Alan Singh ended in identical fashion with Alan Singh pulling out a victory from a difficult situation one-up.

Although he had played in Sri Lanka on two previous occasions, Alan Singh won the island's title for the first time. After a grueling first half (18 holes) in brilliant sunshine in which Alan had trailed one-down, he pulled out of many difficult situations with accurate putting and controlled driving from the tee in the afternoon to offer the bitterest challenge to his fellow Sikh.

Both golfers kept the spectators on their toes in this cliff-hanger



Alan Singh

final, which was featured by power-packed driving and neat putting, so much so the two Indians went neck and neck until the 35th hole: Vikramjit Singh clinched the first half's play at the 17th with a well-timed four-foot putt to be one-up. The unprecedented crowd that followed the golfers all the way were given a rare treat of superlative golf. Vikramjit resumed after a light lunch with a bang, winning the first two holes easily but the third was halved. The final was so closely contested that the next eight holes after some gruelling trudging were halved. They were the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th—a rare phenomenon on this picturesque course.

At this stage, Alan playing superbly controlled golf won the next three holes and was one-up at the 33rd. Undaunted, Vikramjit halved the 34th. At the 35th, however, a stunning long drive brought Alan Singh closer to the flag. Vikramjit, following, failed miserably with a three-foot putt on the smooth green; and this ended the final unexpectedly with all Sri Lanka hailing a new champion.

Figueroa, most popular

ELIAS FIGUEROA, the Chilean centre-back of Brazil's champion club Internacional, Porto Alegre, scored more than twice as many votes as second-placed Norberto Alonso (River Plate, Argentina) in the poll among soccer journalists of South America conducted by Venezuelan newspaper "El Mundo" to determine the best player of the continent. He obtained 50 points, while Alonso secured 24. Pele, the 1973 winner, got five points and finished joint 15th.

Third was Fernando Morena (Penarol, Montevideo—23), fourth Nelinho (Cruzeiro, Brazil—20), fifth Luis Pereira (Atletico Madrid—16), sixth Hugo Sotil (Barcelona, Spain—12). The 1972 winner, Peruvian Teofilo Cubillas Porto, Portugal—10) finished joint eighth. Brazilian Tostao won in 1971, the inaugural year.

Figueroa, who is the first to win the poll for a second time—he had won it in 1974—besides being the mainstay of his team's defence, also scored the only goal of the final match against Cruzeiro which decided the destination of the Brazilian championship. It was also the first time that Internacional have won the Brazilian title.

Franklin Morales, the leading Uruguayan journalist, paid Figuerroa this glowing tribute. "His physical flexibility, his stature, his domination of the ball and of the game, have made him a show within a show. He has the touch of distinction of a great forward, the strength and dynamism of a wing player and the fierce determination of an ace poised to win." His club values him at over a million dollars, an unheard of figure for a defender!

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Know Your Stars ...

ALTHOUGH basketball has been a sort of family game for us, I took to it rather late, in 1970. All my elder brothers were basketball players and of them, it was Chandan Singh who initiated me into the game. I am 23 years old now and have completed my graduate and post-graduate studies from Govt. College, Ajmer. At present I am with the B.S.F., having spent two years in Western Railway.

I owe a lot to 'Guruji' Bugwan Singh, the famous Rajasthan coach who has trained, coached and guided me all through my career. Of course, at the National level, there are several achievements of which I am understandably proud ... Rajasthan University won the All-India Inter-University title for a record four years in a row from '71-'72 to '74-'75 with me as a prominent member of the team. Before that, in 1970, I represented Rajasthan Juniors at the Agra Nationals ... we won that title for the first time. I also represented the Rajasthan men's team at Poona (1972) and in 1973 at Madras.

Yes, I can single out my best and worst matches — both were in the finals of the last two National Championships in which I donned Indian Railways colours. At Delhi ('74-'75) we lost to the Services by a single point, but I played the game of my life. Again, this year we lost badly to the Ser-

PRATAP SINGH



vices ... I wish I could forge that match, it is the worst I can ever think of playing.

Between these two, I played key role in the Railways' runaway victory over the Services at Sawai Madhopur in the pre-Asians in 197 — this led to my selection into the India team for the 8th A.B.C at Bangkok. The only other time I have played for India was in the Test against the Russians last January.

The Russians and earlier the South Koreans at Bangkok really impressed me. Their playing style is so different from ours. In this respect, I feel that our fine display at Bangkok can be attributed to the systematic seven-hours-a-day training that we put in at Patiala.

No, I don't idolise and try to imitate any player ... I prefer playing my own sort of game. But I can name my favourite player—Hanuman Singh, who has been my teammate for so many years now.

The future of the game does appear bright with more and more young boys taking to the game. Its heartening that the paying public too is becoming aware of and really interested in the game. Still I feel that more should be done ... more all-India tournament and better facilities for deserving players will surely help in raising standards.

Text: Joe Puthran

Anand—fruitful years

R. L. ANAND, recipient of the R. Padma Shri award for distinguished service in the field of sport, can look back with pride on nearly sixteen years' fruitful association with sport and about five and a half years with the National Institute of Sports, Patiala which he helped elevate to its present status as its director.

Besides being the director of NIS, since 1970, he is a permanent member of the selection grade of the Central Secretariat Services (deputy secretary to the Govt. of India) on deputation to NIS; member secretary, Society of the National Institutes of Physical Education and Sports since July, 70; member, International Council of Sports and Physical Education Research Committee (UNESCO); chairman, Asian Track & Field Statistical Research Centre;

Advisor, Asian Track & Field Coaches Association; founder and patron of Indian Association of Sports Medicine.

Anand, after completing his University education, did a diploma course in international sport in the German Democratic Republic where he also won a Gold pin from the German Academy of Sports, Leipzig. He secured a diploma in 'Team Official' during the Tokyo Olympics in 1964, and was appointed as the Official observer at the Olympic Games in 1964 at Tokyo, Asian Games in 1966 and 1970, at Bangkok, Olympic Games in 1972 at Munich and Asian Games in 1974 at Tehran.

For ten years (from 1960-70) he acted as officer in-charge of sports and physical education in the ministry of education and social welfare and was member secretary of the Central Advisory Board of



Physical Education and Recreation. He also acted as the director of organisation during the International woman's year National sports Festival held in November last year.

Anand is the Chief Editor of the NIS sports journal — a technical magazine on sports — and has authored a book 'Playing Field Manual,' which has been translated into several regional languages.

—SW Correspondent



ASC's skipper Balbir Singh and J. Wilson receive the Teghbahadur Cup from Mrs. Leon D'Souza, wife of the State Health Minister



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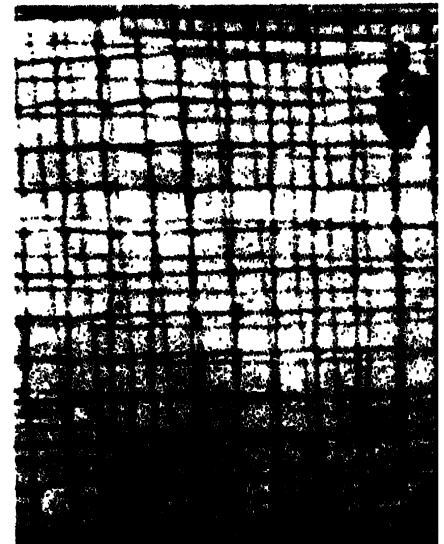
TEGHBAHADUR CUP

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Tata's Appiah beat ASC goalkeeper Fredericks in the final but the goal was disallowed as Appiah was pulled up for sticks

Tata's Jani M
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Team with the cup they won in its
first year beating Tata in Bombay

Tata's Abdul Chowdhury and Gur-
meet Singh of Punjab Police go
for the ball. Tata won 5-4

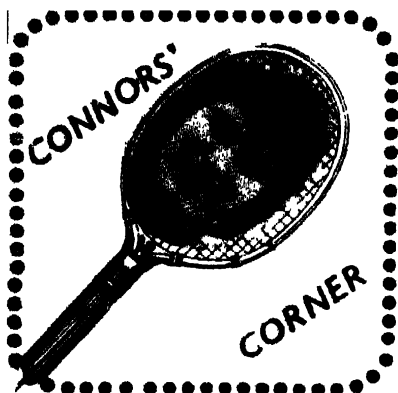


Central Railway goalkeeper Naidu
foils Punjab Police's Surinder



Surinder beats Punjab Police goalkeeper
Naidu in the tie-breaker





WHEN a pro who had been turning out consistently strong performances suddenly runs into a string of early-round losses or clutch upsets, it's not unusual to hear remarks like "choke" and "quitter" tossed about.

But for many players, a quick nosedive could be the result of nothing more than a run of lousy luck, a series of bad draws or both.

Trouble really begins to brew when a brief "cooling off" turns into a full-fledged slump — and that's when it gets tough trying to keep body and soul together.

As a player begins to lose ground, a chain of equalisers comes into play which, believe it or not, only deepens the downturn. The rigorous tour schedule and entry set-up intensify his plight to get back on the track.

Since exactly one-half of a tournament draw is eliminated after the first round of play, each week there's a practice-hungry crowd of first-round losers vying for court time and practice partners.

Doubles provide the only chance for a fringe or slumping player to garner enough cash to meet expenses and to gain critical practice time. Although doubles play guarantees an early-round loser a few more hours of court time, covering half a court is not enough of a workout to keep a pro in prime shape for singles.

Once a player starts to wind down it takes twice as much effort and good luck just to regain his original pace.

Much has been said about Stan Smith's rapid drop in the international rankings. Stan and I were co-ranked number one by the United States Lawn Tennis Association in 1973. But since then he has slipped steadily, and today he occupies the 35th position on the Association of Tennis Professionals 12-month computer ranking.

A player so strong, determined and gifted, suddenly unseeded and plummeting farther down the ranking ladder—a mystery, yet a possibility to every touring pro.

Injuries fall behind plain old

Fighting a slump

bad luck as the greatest nuisance to pro athletes — and tennis is no exception. Hardest hit in 1975 was John Newcombe who tried to overcome severe muscle tears that began to trouble him midway through the summer.

Newk concedes that he is just now regaining his true form. From all indications, a fully recovered Newcombe or the six million dollar man, for that matter, wouldn't have been able to stop Aussie upstart

Mark Edmondson from ripping through the recent Australian Open Championships.

Mark Edmondson is the 21-year-old ex-janitor turned giant killer who knocked off Phil Dent, Dick Crealy, Ken Rosewall and finally Newcombe to take the Down Under Open.

This kid is making us 23-year-olds look like has-beens. Well, it happens to the best of 'em.



Billie-Jean King of the United States and Betty Stove of the Netherlands are all smiles as they hold aloft their trophies won at the 1976 Bridgestone Women's Doubles Tennis Championship at Tokyo recently. They defeated the top-seeded American pair of Ann Kiyomura and Mona Guerrant 6-3, 6-2 in the finals—UPI

Masters looking for a prefix

THE seventh Masters Tournament — the play-off series for the leading points earners in this year's CUGP tennis meets — to be held at a new indoor stadium in Houston, named The Summit, from December 6 to 12 will be the Commercial Union Assurance Company's farewell act as sponsors of the Grand Prix.

The large British-based insurance company's contract with the International Lawn Tennis Federation does not expire till the end of the year, but announcing the pull-out decision in London last month, Commercial Union's principal representative in tennis, Geoff Mullis, said the company felt it was necessary to give immediate notice of their withdrawal so that the ILTF had the maximum time to look for a successor.

Basil Reay, who himself is retiring in August after about two decades as secretary of the ILTF, indicated later that there were at least three "strong possibilities" — all international companies — interested in taking over sponsorship of the Grand Prix.

The tennis GP is the brainchild of former Wimbledon champion Jack Kramer, who is now executive director of the Association of Tennis Professionals. Its first sponsor, in 1970, was Pepsi-Cola, the soft-drinks manufacturers. But they withdrew after two years when the ILTF and the World Championship Tennis group were in dispute.

Regarding Commercial Union's decision to step down, Kramer said that the players, in particular, would be saddened by the news. He added that when CU entered the tennis world, the Grand Prix

by SUBROTO SIRKAR

bonus pool was worth just about \$150,000 whereas this year it will be around a million dollars.

The company suffered a £3.5 million trading overall loss in 1975-76 — but that is not the declared reason for their withdrawal. They had taken over sponsorship of the GP circuit as part of a campaign to publicise their name internationally and now, after five years, it was considered that Commercial Union had achieved this aim: which, via any other means, would have "cost immeasurably more." Furthermore, many of the company's top men felt there is a limit to the exposure they could gain through tennis, and the Jimmy Connors-Bill Riordan lawsuits of 1974 — which dragged in CU because they were the sponsors — certainly did not help.

The first Commercial Union Grand Prix, in 1972, comprised 33 tournaments in 13 countries and the men's bonus pool — composed of a portion of the prize money from each GP meet, plus an equal amount contributed by the sponsors — was worth £105,000. There was also a women's GP with a £40,000 bonus pool but after a couple of years, with the ILTF and the women's association unable to reach an agreement, the ladies' event disappeared.

In the first four years of their sponsorship, 1972-75, Commercial Union spent an average of \$375,000 annually, apart from organisational and public relations costs. Considering that some tournament-sponsoring companies put up

\$100,000 or more for just a week's publicity, this was financially a fair bargain. But, with the weakness of the pound a factor, Commercial Union's tennis investment — some \$570,000 into the bonus pool, plus \$130,000 prize money for the Masters — will be much higher this time.

But the Grand Prix has expanded and grown much stronger since CU came onto the scene. Its management, too, has changed. Initially it was virtually the ILTF Grand Prix, but after the ATP's Wimbledon boycott in 1973, Commercial Union — though they always maintained a low profile themselves — brought the federation and the players together in the joint professional council. The MIPTC now control the Grand Prix.

Commercial Union's interests extended to India till the nationalisation of general insurance in this country in 1972, and not till the following year — when the Asian Tennis Circuit was established — did the Grand Prix circuit touch India. But the company were philosophical about the CUGP extending to a country where they had no business. They maintained that India and the Indian players had a part to play in the Grand Prix, and that was important from the tennis point of view.

But the die, however, is cast. This is the last year of the Commercial Union Grand Prix: the Houston Masters will mark the end of a fruitful partnership in the cause of tennis. And the Grand Prix will have a different prefix in 1977.

'Soft' king of a tough sport

SPEAK, to him outside the 'ring' and you'll find him to be the quiet, soft-spoken sort. Grapple with him on the mat and hey presto, he's been transformed into a grunting, hefty heavyweight intent on draining the last ounce of resistance from you. If that sounds like a contradiction, perhaps it is because the national Judo champ in the open weight class, Khalid Adenwala, has always regarded Judo as a fascinating branch of sport and nothing more. He might reduce you to pulp with all the legitimate holds and what not, but once off the mat, he'd probably be the first to shake your hand!

The 19-year-old lad was awarded a black belt by the Judo Federa-



tion of India after he had won that National title for the second time in Delhi recently. Khalid started off with judo "just for kicks," but soon got so involved in the techniques that he decided to take it up seriously as a sport. His rise to the top was facilitated by the fact that he received sound advice from his coach and mentor, N. T. Bhanger of the Bombay Judo Club.

Taking to the sport at the tender age of 14 years — "mainly because I was thrilled by the fights I saw in movies and wanted to win like the hero did, all the time!" — Khalid soon crowned himself state champ in the open and above 85-kgs. classes. All through his schooldays at Christchurch High School in Bombay, he practised assiduously not letting go of his state title which has been his for the last five years now.

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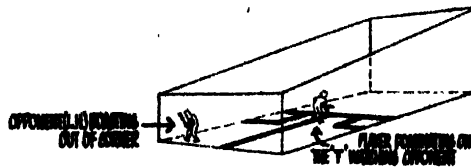
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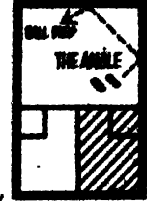
Using the side wall

Words by Britain's senior national coach, Tony Swift.
Techniques by Bryan Patterson

IF THE OPPONENT IS MOVING BACKWARDS WHEN YOU HIT THE BALL, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REVERSE THE BALL.



AN ATTACKING SHOT OFF THE SIDE WALL IS CALLED AN ANGLE AND IT SHOULD BE PLAYED WITH YOUR OPPONENT AT THE BACK OF THE COURT IN THE AREA AROUND THE SHORT LINE.



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WHEN to use the side wall.

We have already mentioned that the boast is a defensive shot played off the side wall. It is played in the back corners of the court with the opponent on the attack.

A similar shot played from behind the opponent can be used as an attacking play on two occasions. Both are illustrated here.

In using the angle, the ball is hit on to the side wall with footwork similar to the boast, although for disguise many top players use the drive position of the feet.

The idea is to make the ball die in front of the court as quickly as possible and the aim is to hit the

front wall, after the side wall, just above the tin.

The shot should be used only sparingly as an alternative to other winning shots at the front of the court.

The illustrations show a left-handed player, but apply equally to a right hander.



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Ron Clarke's day

In 1962 he returned to the track. The following year—on December, 18, 1963—the name of Ron Clarke shot into the headlines.

There was nothing exceptional about this athletics meeting at Olympic Park, Melbourne. In fact, Ron Clarke, like all the other competitors paid 1s.6d. admission fee and another 3s.6d. to compete.

The people of Melbourne showed little interest in the meeting and only a handful of spectators watched the 22 competitors line up for the 10,000 metres races.

After one mile the tall, upright Melbourne accountant was out on his own, running in the effortless but relentless style that was to make him one of the greatest Aus-

tralian athletes of all time. Without opposition he had to make his own pace and run "against himself," but this was HIS day.

At the end of six miles he had shattered the world record of Sándor Iharos (Hungary) by more than 26 seconds, and on he went to complete the 10,000 metres—in 28 minutes 15.6 seconds, which was 2.6 seconds better than the previous world record of the Russian Pyotr Bolotnikov.

Two world records in a race that really didn't matter. It was sensational running, a performance that was worthy of the cheers of a crowd a thousand times greater than the few excited spectators who saw it on the December evening in Melbourne.

IN 1955 a tall, slim, 18 year-old Australian named Ron Clarke made his first appearance on the athletics stage and finished second in his country's junior mile championships to Herb Elliott. A year later the new "boy wonder" set a new world junior mile record of 4 minutes 6.8 seconds.

That was also the year of the Melbourne Olympics and to Ron Clarke was given the honour of being the first athlete to appear on the track. But not as a competitor. Clarke was the proud bearer of the Olympic Torch which signified the opening of the games.

It was a moment of glory for the bronzed, long-striding sixfooter as he ran round the great Melbourne Stadium. Twelve months later the Olympic torch-bearer was almost completely forgotten.

Suffering from sinus trouble and with little leisure time for serious training because of his accountancy exam studies, Ron Clarke "retired" from athletics. Nothing more was heard of him for several years, but the former "wonder boy," now married, could not for ever restrain his enthusiasm for running.

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THE facile victory of J. K. Sports Invitation XI, captained by former Indian skipper Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, provided a fitting finale to this year's Pataudi Memorial Cricket Tournament at Bhopal. The tournament held annually has gained momentum and has become one of the premier sporting events in this state capital.

Odds-on favourites, Hyderabad Blues Cricket Club, bowed out in the semi-finals, being beaten by one run by Subhania Cricket Club of Delhi in an action-packed match. Last year's winners, Maharaja Yeshwant Cricket Club of Indore, were also beaten in the semi-finals by new entrants, J. K. Sports Invitation XI, in a match notable for the delectable batting of Yajuvendra Singh and Abdul Hai and some penetrating bowling by Karsan Ghavri and Jyoti Prasad for the winners.

JK WIN EASILY

In the final, J. K. Sports Invitation XI, thanks to Ghavri and Jyoti Prasad, restricted SCC to a moderate 174 runs. The J. K. XI, though painstakingly slow at times, easily passed their opponent's total and went on to build up a sizable score. Rajeshwar Vats, well set for a century impetuously lost his wicket when only 18 runs short of the mark. Yajuvendra played a gem of an innings for 38, but the highlight was, of course, young Rajinder Jadeja's brilliant century. Skipper Pataudi's innings, though slow, nevertheless bore the stamp of a mature batsman and his neat placements threw the fielding side into disarray.

The tournament not only keeps alive the cherished memory of the truly 'great' cricketing personality,

the late Nawab Iftikhar Ali Khan of Pataudi, who with Ranji and Duleep formed an immortal triumvirate of batsmanship, but has also helped in the development of the game in Bhopal.

Through the media of this tournament, it has been possible to successfully moot the idea of a permanent turf wicket in Bhopal. It is to be hoped that next year's tournament will take place on turf.

While the Madhya Pradesh Government has promised its support it is to be hoped that the Board of Control for Cricket in India will also recognise this tournament as a tribute to a great Indian cricketer and place it permanently in their annual calendar.

—NARENDRA SAXENA

QUESTION BOX

Q WHAT is the immediate effect of India's triumph in the third Test at Port of Spain?

—D. Raote (Bombay)

A A steep rise in the consumption of hats.

Q WHO has made the biggest contribution towards India's success at Port of Spain?

—N. Murlidhar (Madras-5).

A THE weather God who caused a shift of venue to Port of Spain.

Q HOW many times have India crossed the 600 runs mark in an innings in Tests?

—P. A. Vishwas (Pune).

A INDIA are yet to cross the mark. India's highest total so far is 539 for nine declared against Pakistan in the fourth Test at Madras in 1960.

Q HOW many Indians registered centuries in the series against Australia in 1967-68 and against New Zealand in 1969?

—Rakesh Gupta (Agra).

A M. L. JAISIMHA registered the lone century against Australia in 1967-68 when he made 101

in the third Test at Brisbane. No century was recorded in the series with New Zealand at home in 1969.

Q CAN you give me the Test-by-Test result of the series with Australia in 1967-68?

—Ashok Khanna (Amritsar).

A AUSTRALIA won all the four Tests, the first at Adelaide by 146 runs, the second at Melbourne by an innings and four runs, the third at Brisbane by 39 runs and the fourth at Sydney by 144 runs.

Q I want to undergo cricket coaching in Bombay. Can you give me some details?

—S. Muzzafar (Srinagar).

A COME right away for the Bombay Cricket Association's summer coaching programme to be held at 11 centres from April 22 if you are in the 14 to 18 age group.

Q WHAT is your frank opinion about Vijay Amritraj?

—Shishir Sinha (Jamshedpur)

A HIS best may be just round the corner.

Q WILL Ghyam Thapa play for India in the World Cup soccer tournament?

—Naresh Pal (Chail, H.P.)

A INDIA have not made the grade for the World Cup, nor for the Olympics.

QUIZ

by HOSEY MISTRY

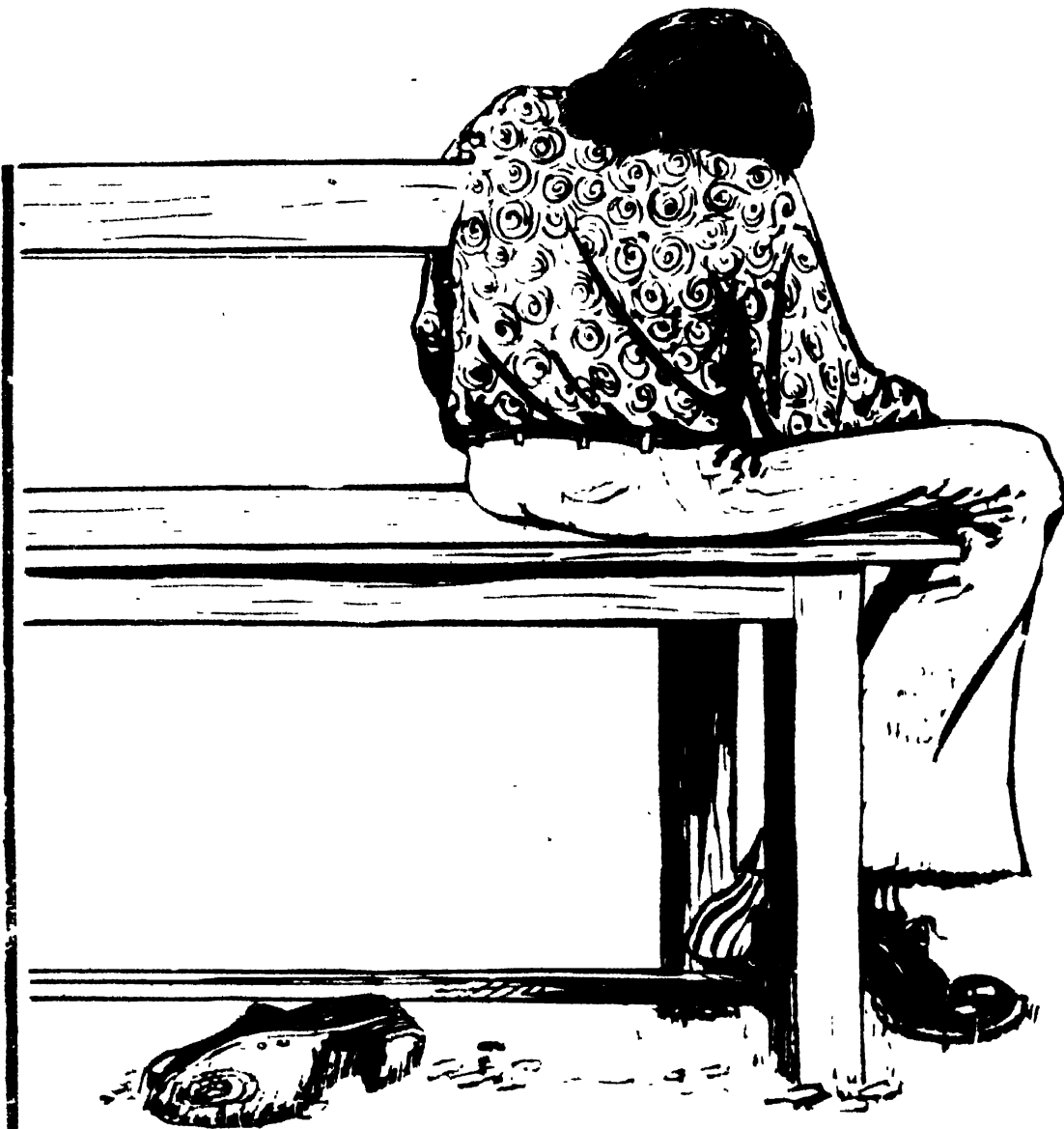
1. Who was the first to swim the English Channel in both directions?
2. How many times (approximately) would a marathon runner's feet hit the ground in the course of the race? a) 27,500, b) 33,400 or c) 35,000
3. Who originated Judo, as it is practised today?
4. How many players make a Thomas Cup badminton team?
5. When did U.S.S.R. win the Olympic soccer title?
6. Who was the first to win both men's Olympic diving titles at the Games?
7. When was the challenge round system abolished from Wimbledon? a) 1918, b) 1921 or c) 1925.
8. Which body governs the sport of archery in the world?
9. Who immediately faces the cox in rowing?
10. Which of these sports are included in the modern pentathlon — wrestling, fencing, walking and shooting?

ANSWERS:

1. Edward Temme. 2. About 27,500 times. 3. Dr. Jigoro Kono (Japan). 4. A minimum of four and a maximum of six. 5. 1956. 6. Albert White (U.S.A.) in 1924. 7. 1922. 8. Federation International de Tier a l'Arc (F.I.T.A.). 9. The stroke. 10. Fencing and shooting.

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NATIONAL Champion R. Ravi Sekhar of Tamil Nadu won the first board prize for the best score (5) out of (6) in the Inter-State Team Championship at Nagpur.

Ravi Sekhar often chooses closed and quiet openings and manages to outplay his opponents strategically in the middle game by aggressive Pawn play. In this game he takes good advantage of his opponent's indecision.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE

White: R. Ravi Sekhar (T.N.)

Black: R. Ravindran (Karn.)

1. NKB3, PKN3 2. PKN3, BN2 3. PQ4, NKB3 4. BN2, PQ3 5. 00, 00 6. PB4, PB4 7. NB3, QB2? (a) 8 PQ5, PQR3 9. PQR4, PK3 10. NQ2, PK4 (b) 11. PK4, PN3 12. PR3, QN2 13. NB3, RN1 14. NK1, NK1 15. NQ3 (c) N2B3 16. QK2, BQ2 17. KR2, QQ1 18. PB4, QK2 19. PxP, PxP 20. PR5! (d) NQ3 21. PN3, KRB1 22. BK3, N(Q)K1 23.

PxP, RxP 24. PQN4! (e) RxP, 25. NxR, PxN 26. NR4, BxN 27. RxR, NQ3 28. RxN! (f) BxR 29. PB5, NN2 30. QxP, BN2 31. RxP, RN1 32. QR7, Black resigns.

(a) 7... NB3 and 7... NR3 are the regular lines of the Yugoslav Variation 6... PB4. The Queen move is obscure.

(b) Black can transpose into Modern Benoni by 10... PxP 11. BPxP, but even therein his Queen is misplaced on QB2 for the manoeuvre... NR3-B2.

(c) White has manoeuvred this Knight well and is ready for the breaks PKB4 or PQN4. Black's best bid now seems 15... PB4 but he vacillates.

(d) The deflection of his QP has ruined Black's position and he has no defence against White's Q-side action.

(e) Black is now compelled to give up the exchange.

(f) This return of the exchange is the most effective way to wind up the game quickly.

FRENCH DEFENCE

White: T. N. Paramesaran (T.N.)
Black: K. Prabhakaran (Karn.)

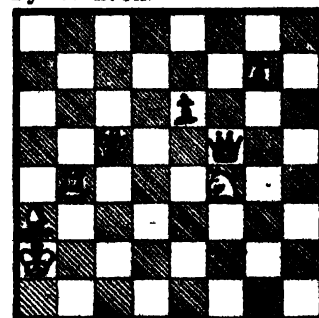
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The gambit 8. 00 (cf. Gupta-Avari 18-4-76) is White's best continuation. The overconcern to maintain the central Pawn chain renders White vulnerable on both flanks. Black's 13... PKR3 and 14... BN4! offering the KP for a smashing attack is very imaginative.

END GAME

By V. Bron.



White: Ka2; Rb4; Ba3; Nf4.

Black: Kc5; Qf5; P's-e6, g7.

White to play and win.

INDIA has mostly languished in the shadows of international bridge but we have had our moments in the sun. One of them was during the 17th Far East Bridge championships in Hongkong when our Ramchand Agarwal landed in a contract of "6 spades" on a hand in which his counterpart was set three tricks in a contract of "5 spades" after the same opening lead.

QJ76

A74

AKQ62

2

(Seres)

K1053

2

1063

KQ52

874

J1095

KJ5

10863

(Agarwal)

A984

J98

3

AQ974

The deal arose in the match between India and Australia. The West player was Tom Seres, Australia's No. 1 and one of the finest in the world. He led his top diamond and Agarwal cashed three diamonds ditching his hearts. Next came the Ace of clubs and club ruff, followed by the heart Ace



and heart ruff, a second club ruff and a heart ruff to reach this four card ending:

QJ	
nil	
62	
nil	
K1053	2
nil	K
nil	J
nil	10
A9	
nil	
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Q9	

Agarwal continued with the Queen of clubs and regardless of the defence was assured of the loss of only one trick, for perhaps the most spectacular swing of the

championships. The incidental establishment of the club Queen was immaterial to declarer's plan. If West ruffs low he overruffs in dummy, ruffs a diamond with his Ace of trumps and makes dummy's last trump en passant by the lead of his last club. If West ruffs in with his spade King and backs a trump, declarer has the last two tricks on a cross-ruff.

The opening lead of a trump defeats the slam but is virtually impossible to find except on a double dummy basis.

Try your skill at one of Omar Sharif's hands until next week:

K4	
K4	
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AQ876	
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A3	
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Bidding:	
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2C Dbl. 5C Pass	
Pass 5H Pass 6H	

The "two club" opening bid is natural, at least five cards 12-14 pts. A low club is led, the King appearing on your right.

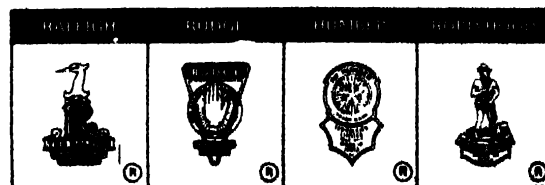
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Stan Bowles, soccer's wayward genius, staged a spectacular walk-out on his English football club Queen's Park Rangers at Heathrow Airport shortly before the team's departure for Israel on a six-day trip. Instead of boarding the aircraft, Bowles jumped into a taxi and sped away to his home in central London

Joginder Singh and David Doig, two Britons who live in Kenya, won the 3,093-mile East African Safari in Nairobi from 15 survivors in a field of 65. It was Singh's third victory — a record for the rally



James Caan, the "hottest young actor in films today," snapped during a special shoulder building work-out at the Munich Olympic Stadium. Caan plays a champion athlete in Norman Jewison's new futuristic film "Rollerball," to be released by United Artists



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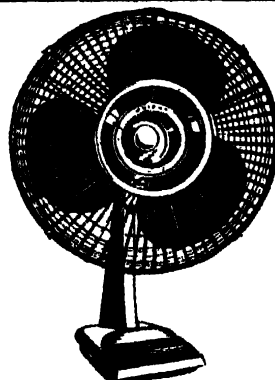
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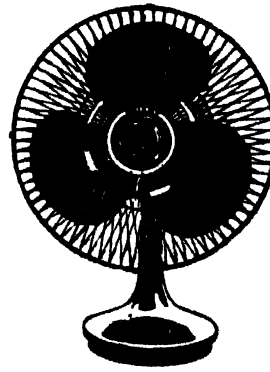
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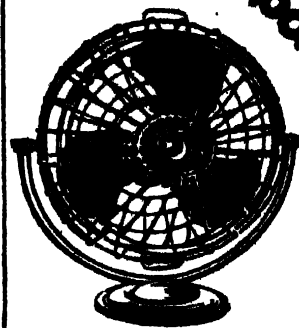
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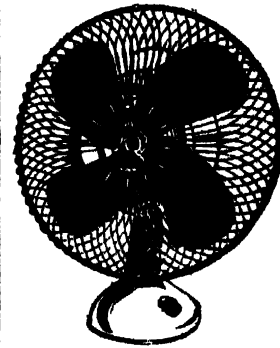
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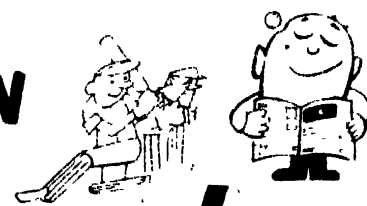


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Cups in 'disrepute'

were under 19 only in their certificates and affidavits.

In one Junior National, all but two teams fielded players whose eligibility, though difficult to contest, looked suspect. Then we had the rare sight of a team being led to victory in the Junior National by a player who had assisted his state in the senior National a season or two before. And his name was not in the original list of players announced for the Junior National staged at home!

These happenings prompts me to ask whether the AIFF and its affiliates are aware of the *raison d'être* of the Junior National? The very aim of the tournament to unearth, encourage, nurture and develop young talent is defeated by such unscrupulous methods.

What gives me some hope is that the new secretary of the AIFF, A. T. Vijayarangam, while realising the difficulties in rooting out all dishonest methods, took the bold step as secretary of the Karnataka Football Association, to withdraw his state's team from the Junior National when he was satisfied that

not all the players were really eligible as per the age limit. I wish other state associations take a leaf out of the AIFF secretary's book.

Meanwhile, Vijayarangam and his lieutenant, A. R. Khaleel, also of Karnataka, who is the chairman of the AIFF Disciplinary Committee, enquire into why so many matches in the Kerala tournaments have been abandoned this season. Weather has been a convenient ally of the tournament organisers.

While no one can do anything about heavy showers, the AIFF would do well to enquire whether light had been really that bad to compel the referees to call off games before the scheduled close. It would also be worthwhile to probe whether the organisers had done anything to prevent abandonment due to fading light and start the games earlier.

This especially when there had been too many repetitions of matches being called off on this account. The AIFF could reassure football fans and well-wishers in the country by shedding light on this phenomenon.

IN the last week of April a court in Tiruchirapalli gave a ruling that could have a far-reaching effect. The court directed the Tiruchirapalli District Football Association to get an undertaking from the winners of the tournament that was in progress that the cup would be produced whenever required.

This is in consequence of a case filed by B. L. J. Mathuram, who has contended that the organisers of the tournament have "commercialised" the event and brought into disrepute the memory of his father, Dr. A. Mathuram. The plaintiff has also demanded the return of the cup.

While my inadequate information of the facts, pro and con, of the case, besides the restraint imposed by it being in court, makes me wary of making any comment, I make bold to say that the All-India Football Federation itself is not innocent of a similar charge, that of bringing into disrepute the memory of a great man like Dr. B. C. Roy, the former chief minister of West Bengal and a great patron of sport.

Over a decade ago I had explored the bigwigs of the AIFF to retire the Dr. B. C. Roy Trophy awarded to the winners of the Junior National Championship and in its place institute another trophy. The Dr. B. C. Roy Trophy was meant to be awarded to the under-19 team of the state that proved the best in the country. But in practice it became impossible to determine the state with the best under-19 team. Too many of the contestants in the Junior National fielded teams with players who

Channon wins fans' poll

MICK CHANNON, the country lad who has become an international superstar, has been voted Daily Express readers' English Footballer of the Year.

Channon, who carried the hopes of Southampton into F. A. Cup final, has a following which sweeps the nation.

Daily Express readers voted the England striker into the exclusive company of Liverpool's Ian Callaghan and Derby's Colin Todd — previous winners of the award — ahead of Charlie George, Lou Macari, and Kevin Keegan.

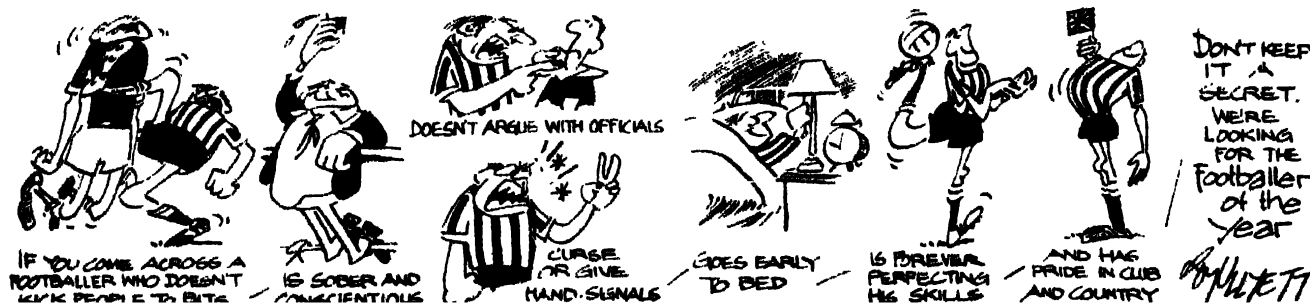
George, who has been a revolution rather than a rebel since be-

coming a Derby player, received the consolation of being chosen as the First Division player of the season, beating Keegan into second place.

Channon, naturally, won the Second Division poll, with Chelsea's outstanding young captain Ray Wilkins a worthy runner-up.

Channon will be presented with a total of £600 and the Express Footballer of the Year trophy as a reward for a devotion to duty which is an example to any youngster starting his career.

The 27-year-old Channon accepted news of the award with typical modesty: "It's a great bonus for me in a great year."



Second gold cup no better

NEITHER in terms of pull at the gates nor in the quality of play served up did the Guru Teghbahadur Gold Cup Hockey Tournament prove to be any better than the Gold Cup (Hem Chashak) contest held earlier at the Bombay Hockey Association ground.

The north stand was vacant and parts of the south and east stands too were unoccupied even on the final day. It was not due to the rates of admission being stiff. In fact, schoolboys were allowed free of charge right through with the twin objective of filling the stands and in the bargain to induce youngsters to take more interest in this game.

Only 18 of the 20 teams provided for in the draw contested, the two absentees being Border Security Force (Jullundur) and Calcutta Customs. RSP's presence might have jazzed up interest sufficiently to make the tournament more attractive but with their kingpin Ajit Pal Singh not being able to assist the team following the Federation's directive not to participate in open tournaments they were disinclined to make the trip. The Calcutta side had to fulfil their league commitments locally and so found it difficult to come.

Army Service Corps (Jullundur), led by former international Balbir Singh, had the distinction of winning the trophy in its inaugural year and in the process completed a noteworthy double, having won the Beighton Cup, one of the oldest competitions of the country, earlier at Calcutta. They defeated Tata of Bombay by a solitary goal, scored three minutes from the end. A penalty-corner drive by John Toppo, who a couple of years back figured as a strong claimant for

by PAT SARTE

India colours, went off Tata goalkeeper Cecil D'Souza's pads between his legs and into the goal.

It was a Pyrrhic victory but the Army side were not wholly underserving. On the day's exchanges they were the more forceful and resourceful. Though inside-right John Wilson did not play his familiar role of attacker-cum-half-back, speedy Vincent Lakra broke through the Tata pickets, picking up clearances from the deep. His typical solo thrust down the middle through the second half of play must have proved profitable but his beautiful reverse-flick, made on the run, was neatly stopped by Shah.

But the fairest chance to come the ASC way was early in the first session, when Wilson switched the ball diagonally forward to Vincent Lakra near the top of the ring and the latter relayed the ball instantly on to left-winger Lazarus Lakra. Tata wing-half Bipin Shah failed to mark him and Lazarus, ideally placed to score and with enough time to beat Cecil D'Souza allowed himself to be dispossessed.

Tatas got a goal in the 17th minute of the second-half through their left-winger Appiah, who hit a waist-high ball across into the ASC net but umpire Sujlana disallowed it on the ground that the stick had been raised over the shoulder level. To most observers Appiah did not seem to infringe the 'sticks' rule. That was the only Tata effort to score, however. So feeble was the Tata half-line play that the attack seldom got going; the midfield effort in this regard

had to be made by Jani Moideen and Kalliah, both of whom are no more in the count as goal-getters.

Tata could only score, therefore, through youthful Nazir Khan or wingers Appiah and Kenny Fernandes. Here again, the capacity of the wingers to strike true and hard has grown weaker over the years. In the semi-final against Punjab Police, Appiah squandered two chances that any novice would have seized avidly. From a Kalliah move near the top of the ring Appiah moved within hand-shaking distance of the Police goalkeeper and swept the ball straight into his pads. On another occasion he deflected the ball wide from a right-wing centre by Kenny Fernandes.

The introduction of Gilbert Lobo at the start of the second-half in the attack—Kenny Fernandes was sidelined and Nasir Khan was moved to the right-wing—did not help Tata improve their chances. Nasir was out of touch; he could not trap the ball well when on the wing, while Lobo got very few balls on which he could run through. Lobo's asset is his speed not skill with the stick. But it was surprising that Tata should have chosen to bring him in after the interval if he had been fit at all it would have been more profitable to put him on in the first half.

In any case, Tata had little case for a claim on the trophy, well as they came through battling from the first round. They beat Bank of Baroda convincingly to start with, disposed of E. M. E., Bhopal, a fighting side with better ability than the bankmen, after settling the pretensions of Southern Railway, the Gold Cup winners, got past the Punjab Police via the tie-breaker (Narinder Singh pushed the ball straight towards goalkeeper Cecil D'Souza in the final stroke of the series so that the score stood at 5-4 in favour of Tata).

ASC won their first round against State Bank, a mediocre side, with a goal in extra time, played slightly better but yet scored only once through Vincent Lakra to beat Western Railway and survived a spirited challenge by Navy in the semi-final as a result of a tie-breaker in which goalkeeper Ekka of the sailors proved to be wholly unequal to the task, while international goalkeeper Manuel Fredericks of the ASC stopped three successive attempts by the Navy.

In fact, the best game of the series was played by the sailors



Tata goalkeeper Cecil D'Souza makes a good save in a

Gurbux: all's going well

GURBUX SINGH, the coach of the Indian team bound for Montreal in quest of the elusive Olympic hockey gold, is a tall, lean, bespectacled gentleman who is as much at home 'out in the middle' practising with 'my boys' as he is when dealing with the queries thrown at him by scribes.

Was he satisfied with the way the training schedule had been gone through? The training went off very well and I'm optimistic that by the time we leave for France we'll have moulded the boys into a well-knit, fighting-fit unit. The first part of the training dealt with physical conditioning. Now there'll be greater stress on individual skills and collective tactics. Finally, we hope to play quite a few matches against top combinations of the country.

Having watched most European teams in action during your coaching stint in France, you have formed an opinion about the threat they pose to our quest for the top honours, haven't you? O, yes. You see, the European teams mostly play fast, direct and hard-hitting hockey — that's the only way they know, having evolved logically from their weather, ground conditions and their physical structure. Basically, they adopt defensive formations like 2-4-4 or 4-3-3 or even 3-4-4, though the most popular is 1-3-3-3. Whatever the strategem adopted, they regard the guarding of their goal as paramount and this

makes them very static for most of the game.

On the other hand, the Asian style and formation — 2-3-5 — as practised by both India and Pakistan, is best suited to our conditions — physical (see how much more flexible are our wrists and body), ground and climate. I feel we, India and Pakistan, adapt ourselves more fluidly to all situations arising during the course of the game — which, of course, is not to overlook some of the areas in which there is definite scope for improvement: scoring capabilities, the ability to counter-attack swiftly, to interchange positions suddenly and, of course, conversion of penalty corners and even strokes.

Overall, however, I don't think it can be gainsaid that the Indians and Pakistanis still control the game a lot better when it comes to midfield play.

If you were hockey's p.r. supremo in this country, how would you go about promoting this game? Basically, I feel that what is missing in hockey is the sort of glamour that is attached to games like cricket and tennis. To my mind, the press, radio and television have an important role to play in popularising this game. Somehow, whenever we lose in an international competition, there's a great hue and cry from the "hockey-lovers" in India, but where are these same so-called lovers of the game when the Nationals are in



Gurbux . . . confident

progress — or for that matter, during the Beighton in Calcutta or the Gold Cup and Aga Khan in Bombay?

Ideally, I'd like to see hordes of people turning up at games that the selectors are watching. Thousands ought to turn up to watch the selection trials — then they'd know whether or not the best players have been selected.

In addition, I wholeheartedly endorse the suggestion made over and over again in the past that the game must be introduced at the junior levels in schools and colleges. In Europe, for instance, they play international matches at the junior level.

—S. A. S. NAQVI

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leg semi-final with a two-goal arrears to clear. From the bully-off they went strongly into attack, with centre-forward Tiwana providing plenty of pace down the middle. Tiwana inspired them not a little and his goal in the 21st minute served as a springboard for a victory-bid. He took the ball away from a faltering Toppo near the twenty-five-yard line and shot as soon as he reached the top of the ring. It was a shot that would have done credit to veteran Olympian Balbir Singh. The ball flew chest high and international Fredericks stood gaping. Federation selectors could well have tried out this dashing Sikh at the Patiala camp for India probables to Montreal instead of moaning that there is no player worth the name for that position. Both Tiwana and Lakra, regardless of his habit of roving all over, are good material.

Navy scored their second goal through left-winger Dias from an excellent move by Balbir Singh and Inderjit Singh, the right-win-

ger, and just when it seemed that they would emerge winners outright they failed to strike home once more to clinch the issue. Thus it could be deemed that ASC were as lucky as Southern Railway in winning the trophy — the Railwaymen came through with just one penalty-corner goal in every match to win the first Gold Cup! However, they gave a better display than the Railwaymen. Talking about luck Punjab Police were another team to fall into that lucky category. They beat Regiment of Artillery (Nasik) and Central Railway through tie-breakers before losing to Tatas narrowly in the tie-breaker!

The best team of the tournament was Navy. Regiment of Artillery (Nasik) and EME (Bhopal) came next. The players to impress most: A. S. Tiwana (Navy), Vincent Lakra (ASC) and Nanjappa (EME) — all at centre-forward; Inderjit (Navy) — at outside-right; Surinder Singh (Punjab Police) — at inside-left; Davinder Singh (Punjab Police) and Bengra (ASC) — at left full-back.

Brazil's offer

BRAZIL has offered to conduct the 1994 World Cup Football Tournament. Peru had also earlier filed its application with FIFA for the same year's tournament. Austria-Czechoslovakia-Hungary-Yugoslavia (jointly), Belgium-Holland (jointly) and the United States have bid for the 1990 World Cup.

The 1978 edition is unlikely to be shifted from Argentina despite the political troubles and frightening inflationary trends in that country, though there are reports from some quarters that Spain or England may be asked to take over the conduct of the event. Spain will hold the World Cup in 1982 and Colombia in 1986.

Zonal round - up

The fortnightly feature covering various sports events in the zones — Zonal Round Up — has been held over this week. It will be resumed in the next issue with a changed format. Look out.

A FRIEND, who went to Santa Cruz airport to welcome back our cricketers, was telling me about it.

"Viswanath's hand was in a sling and one eye was swollen and there were three bumps on his head," he said.

"The umpires should have been more strict," I said. "At this rate cricket is not worth playing."

"Solkar was limping badly and in great pain," my friend said. "He had to be helped down the ramp by Sudhakar Rao, who himself was on crutches."

I said: "If even substitutes can be injured, it just goes to show what we have come to."

"You should have seen Gavaskar," said my friend. "Blood was still coming out of a cut on his forehead and his nose was broken and three of his fingers on the right hand were smashed."

"This is not cricket," I said, "this is war. If they had done this to the Australians, they would have retaliated."

"I felt very bad about our fast bowlers," my friend said. "Poor Mohinder Amarnath, he was just

BUZZING AROUND

by BUSYBEE

one big bruise, and Madan Lal was all blue."

"Must be the West Indies' sun," I said. "If I was Bedi, I would have declared a lot earlier."

"It was good that Bedi kept Chandrasekhar out," my friend said. "In spite of that, he was hurt and you could see pain written all over his face. The doctor, who examined him at the airport, said that two of his ribs were fractured."

I said: "A conference of international umpires should be called to go into this matter of intimidatory bowling. I am sure our older cricketers will say that it was never like this in their time."

My friend said: "Both the wicket-keepers had dislocated their

shoulders and pulled their leg muscles. They were looking a little dazed."

"You have not told me anything about Brijesh Patel," I said. "I believe he was hurt also."

"To say that he was hurt is to put it mildly," said my friend. "His lips had been stitched and four of his teeth were missing and his jaw-bone had just been reset. He was in a very bad shape."

"And Anshuman Gaekwad?" I asked.

"I did not get a chance to see him properly," my friend said. "He was brought down on a stretcher and rushed away in an ambulance."

"Cricket has not seen a more courageous display than his," I said.

"Yes," said my friend. "Vengsarkar had a ridge running right across his forehead."

"Were any cricket officials present to receive our cricketers?" I asked.

"Yes," my friend said. "They made a statement that the Board will soon start a coaching camp to develop Indian fast bowlers."

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Hassett's score

IN your issue dated 18 April, you published a story under the heading of Leeds 1948 and the Don. But, the newspaper heading said that Hassett scored 18 runs whilst the article mentions the score as 17. Who is right?

—Parag Kamanji (Bombay).

(Hassett's correct score is 17 as stated by me in my article and verified from such authoritative reference works as "Wisden", Arthur Wrigley's "The Book of Test Cricket" and others. The erroneous score was published by an English newspaper the day after the match ended in 1948—and it reappeared when SPORTSWEEK reproduced that heading.

Incidentally, Ray Robinson emphasised that the break-neck Australian race against time to achieve victory was made on a pitch "nearly as dusty as a back-lane in Libya". —B. B. Mama)

SW fund

Iwould like to suggest a good way of raising funds for retired sportsmen. Why not organise a 'Flag Day'? This should be done annually on a nation-wide scale. The funds could then be used to help those sportsmen who are not doing too well in life as well as for instituting some sports scholarships for poor youth.

—Melson F. M. Louis (Bombay)

Jockey's plight

Ajockey is a tough professional sportsman who has to bear considerable weight. Since this is his livelihood, he strives for success and sometimes tends to overdo things to reduce weight at any cost. Fluid deprivations, potent new diuretics, etc. may cause dramatic temporary weight loss without apparent immediate harm but it is likely to cause muscle weakness, breathing difficulties, lack of concentration and other harmful effects. It would appear that in horse racing, the horse is better looked after than the rider. Could the central racing authorities please consider the above hazards and modify the weight levels for jockeys?

—Dr. Aloke Ghosh, (president, Indian Association of Sports Medicine, Calcutta).

Intimidation—Caribbean style

Ifeel that the West Indies were encouraged to bowl so many bumpers and beamers only because they knew that India could not retaliate. Therefore, it seems that until and unless we can unearth the much-sought-for fast bowlers, we shall have to keep calling press conferences and quote cricket laws to explain away our grim struggles.

—T. K. Ganguly (Nadia, W.B.)

THE snag lies in the phrase, "in the opinion of the umpire." Now, umpires all over the world are quick in enforcing their decisions concerning the technical aspects of the game, but when it comes to the moral and the ethical, they somehow shy away.

Therefore, I feel the best safeguard against unnecessary injury is headgear. This would allow the fast bowler to retain his legitimate weapon of the bumper, and also minimise the injury caused to the batsman.

—Prof K. S. S. Sarma (Kurnool).

WHY blame Holding for bowling consistently fast in the final Test against the West Indies? He is one of the quickest men in the business and the Sabina Park pitch is also the fastest in the Caribbean. Had we had a Roberts or Lillee or Thomson, we too would have retaliated. Instead of squealing so much, why don't we pay more attention to the preparation of fast pitches in India?

—Adhip Mitra Roy (New Delhi).

THOUGH India lost the final Test at Kingston and the series along with it, let us not go into mourning and find scapegoats for our defeat. This series has certainly enhanced India's standing on the world's cricket map. Consider the facts: after the thrashing at Barbados, most critics felt this was "the worst-ever Indian side" and that we'd be thrashed 0-4 in the series. Lloyd perhaps, felt he was being polite when he said that 'India can play a bit better' than they did at Barbados. Lloyd must have been greatly surprised at India's ability to play 'a bit better'.

—K. T. Pradip (Lucknow).

TO my mind, the central lesson of the Jamaican Test is that the best check on intimidation is to have bowlers who can counter effectively. The solution to the bumper problem lies not in the re-examination or revision of cricket's rules but in the ability of each nation to hit back. Perhaps this viewpoint is best explained by asking if president Truman of USA would have ordered the atom bomb to be dropped on Japan if the latter had possessed such a bomb itself, obviously not. The same logic should also, then, apply to cricket.

—Subhas Gupta (Bombay).

Ithink it is unfair to criticise the West Indian fast bowlers for sending down 'intimidatory' stuff. The bowlers are entitled to use any means to get a batsman out and it is upto the batsman to find a suitable answer to such bowling.

—S. Janakiraman (Hyderabad).

Interesting

BUSYBEE'S views on how various people reacted to India's victory was very interesting. For a minute, I thought all those people had actually said the things attributed to them by Busybee. I have always admired Busybee's great imagination.

—Shekhar Odhekar (Nasik).

SW In demand

Iwould blame you for the shortage of SPORTSWEEK issues dated 18th April (Victory Special)—we, lovers of the mag, were certainly deprived of it. A friend of mine bought a copy for Rs. 1.25. I hope you will take steps to avoid such shortages in future. Anyway, thanks for the lovely coverage of the Test series. Keep it up.

—P. S. Bhaduree (Calcutta).

Hockey defects

THE Indian hockey team for the Montreal Olympics, though well-chosen, has two defects: there's no good centre-forward and inside-left—maladies which have plagued the Indian team for many years now and which our selectors have once again failed to rectify. If Govinda plays at centre-forward (and I hope he does), then there is a vacuum in the left-in position, for neither Chand nor Ajit is of international class. If Govinda plays at inside-left (as he did at Kuala Lumpur), then too we will have a weak-link in the forward line, because Ajit is not dashing enough in that position too. This lapse on the selectors' part may cost us the gold.

—Nikhilesh Roy.



by RAILBIRD

SOME idle thoughts and active suggestions for consideration during the slack racing season.

The only national racing body in the country, the Jockeys Association of India, remains unrecognised by the four Turf Authorities although almost all the riders in the country, certainly all the big names, are members and although it proved its strength with a major confrontation with the Bangalore Turf Club three years ago.

Racing runs in the blood. The late A. L. J. Talib was a third generation trainer and so is the fabulously successful R. R. Byramji. David Hill has succeeded his father Sam, M. K. Jadhav follows in the footsteps of his father, Major K. P. Jadhav, and young C. S. Chavan trains the horses which his famous father Shammu rides. S. H. and M. H. Irami have taken up where their late brother Khodu left off.

The list is long and involved but the families most dominating rac-

ing today are the Fownes and the Alford. Capt. H. D. Fownes and his brother, Major Eric, are well established schoolers. Eric's son, Lawrence, has been champion trainer in Calcutta for the last two seasons and two of his daughters are married to jockeys, the Irishman A. (Barney) Woods and Sinclair Marshall. The head of the Alford family was a trainer and four of his sons, Freddie, Richard, Ernest and Philip, are riders.

With inter-venue betting so popular and so successful, strenuous efforts must be made to open betting shops at convenient locations in at least the four major racing centres, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Bangalore. This should be instantly successful as it will save the casual punter much time and money by eliminating the otherwise necessary trip to the racecourse. Surely, with improved communication methods this is feasible.

Worn out

Bangalore still has a manually operated tote and the electro-mechanical facilities offered in Bombay are so old and worn out that windows have perforce to be closed, the forecast pool is operated manually, the odds posted on the boards are seldom current and the paying public is inconvenienced and often misguided.

Further, there is a possibility of

malpractice. With the indigenous electronic industry so far advanced there is no reason why equipment cannot be manufactured locally and installed and maintained by our own technicians. The money is available (all the clubs have large reserves). Somebody must take the initiative.

A good 95 per cent of the people who crowd the bookmakers ring on our racecourses do not lay a bet there. They are tote punters who want to follow the trend of the betting before they make their modest investment. Surely, this crowding can be avoided if arrangements are made to post current ring odds on easy-to-see boards as is now done for tote odds. Nothing will be lost by introducing this as an experimental measure.

Just as there are schools for jockeys at various racing centres, some effort must be made to update the knowledge of trainers and officials. As a start, race clubs can stock and maintain libraries for professionals. It is less difficult for an institution to arrange import licences for such than it is for an individual. It seems strange to this column that veterinarians are not attracted to the training profession.

Although cases of doping are now few and far between is there not scope for introducing per-care dope tests.



The sportsmen who won Arjuna Awards for 1974 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan . . . Avinash Sarang (left), Manjari Bhargava, Nilima Sarolkar, Ashok Kumar, Ajinder Kaur, Anil Kumar Punj, Romen Ghosh, Shivnath Singh and T. C. Yohanan

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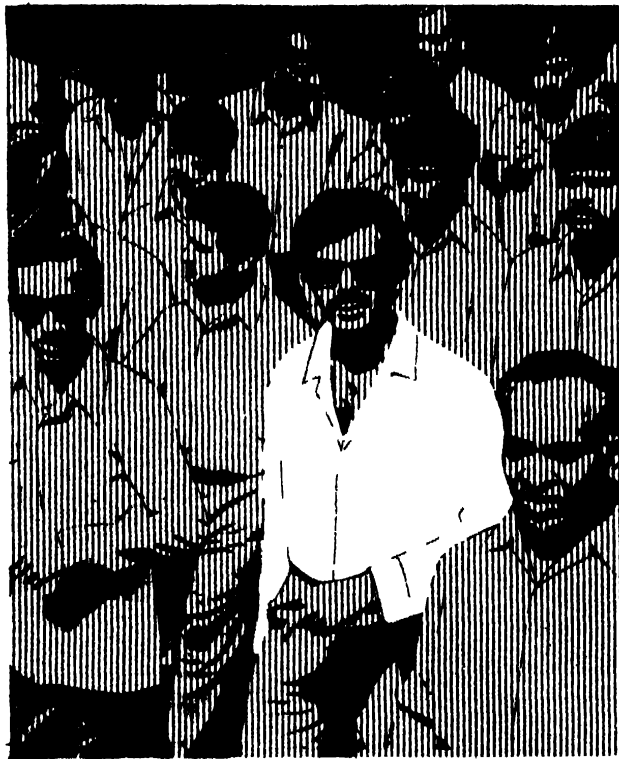
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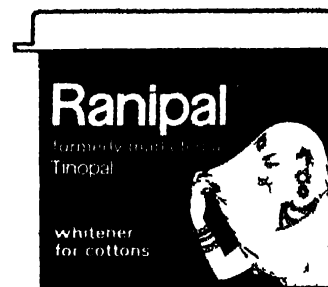


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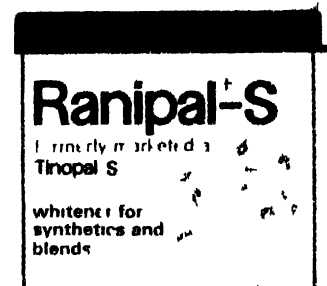
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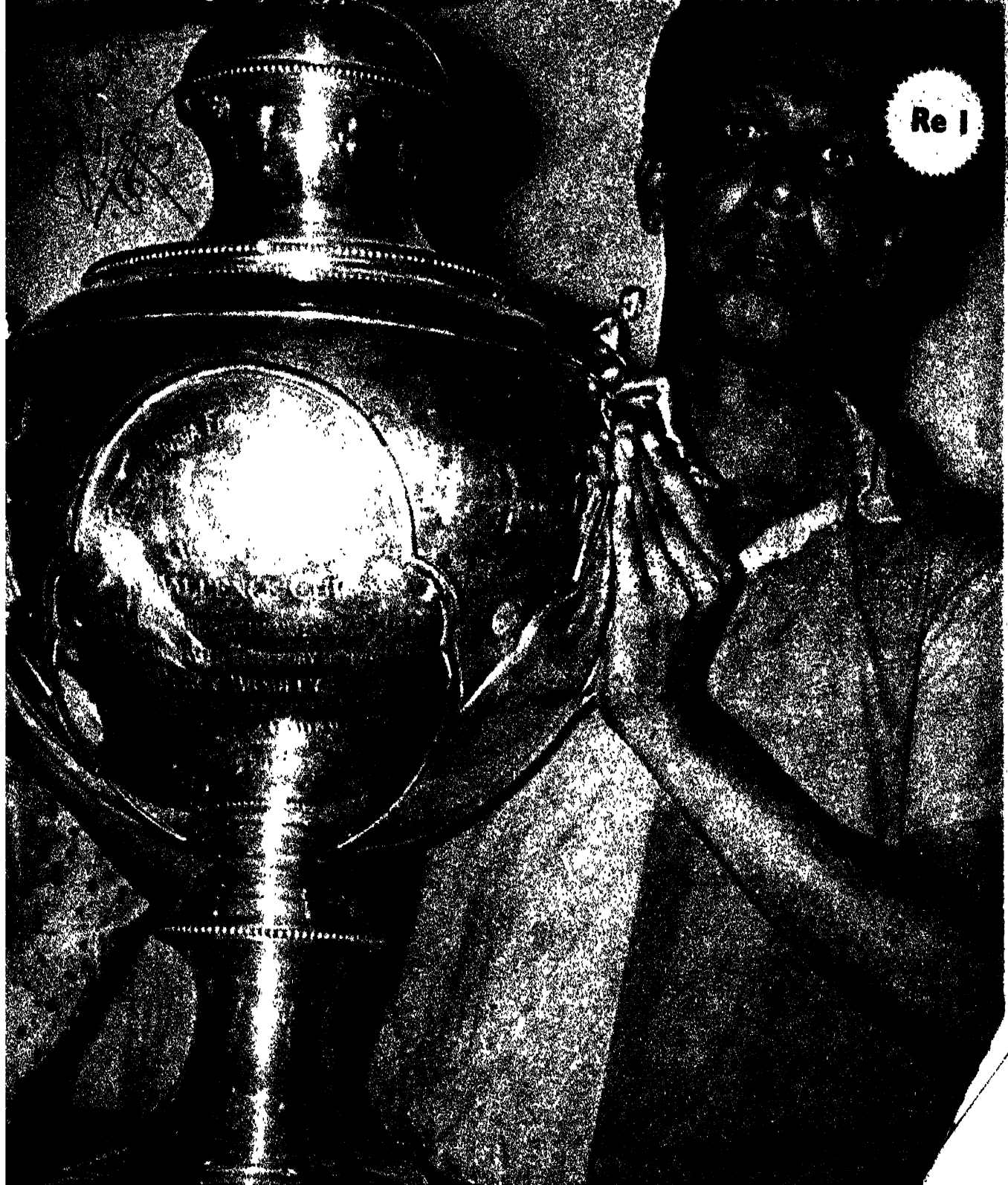
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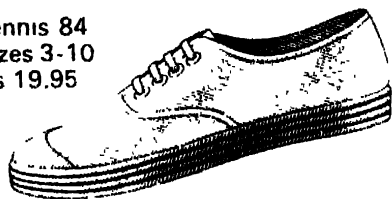
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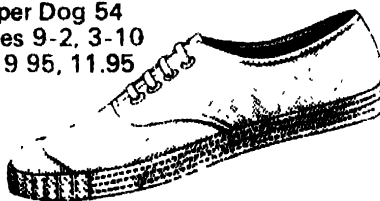


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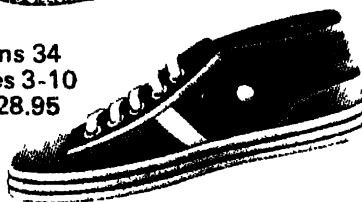
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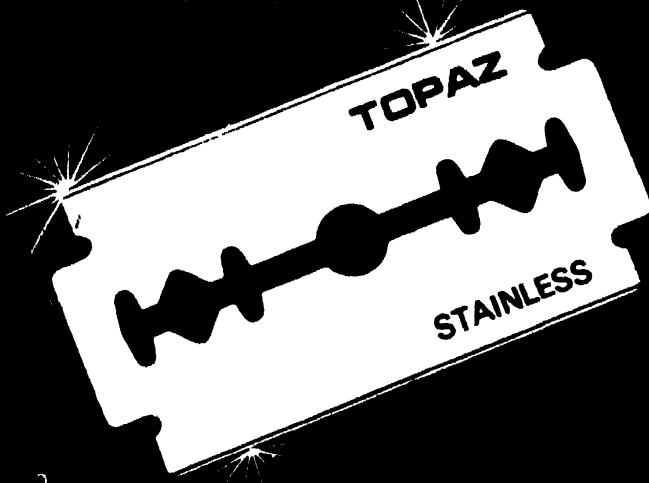
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HITTING OUT... KHALID ANSARI:

Of pace bowlers & sporting wickets

It has taken injury — fortunately not serious — to our front-ranking batsmen to open the eyes of the Cri-Control Board to our crying need for pace bowlers, and as a logical concomitant, fast pitches, a point which has been constantly hammered away by SPORTSWEEK for quite some time now.

Reproduced below is an extract from our editorial which was written before the Kingston Test, in the January-March issue of SPORTSWEEK's World of Cricket for those SPORTSWEEK readers who may not have succeeded in securing a copy.

Over the years there has been much loose talk about producing fast bowlers particularly after our twin successes over the West Indies and England in 1971. Pious intentions notwithstanding, the Board of Control for Cricket in India has yet to come up with a feasible scheme to "produce" and train fast bowlers. There is no panacea for the maladies under review. The process of treatment has necessarily to be long-drawn-out, requiring careful diagnosis, intensive care and proper medication. In the present circumstances, it is extremely doubtful if we can produce a fast bowler of the calibre of say, Thomson, Lillee, Roberts or Holding but it is absolutely essential to have at least a few who can use the new ball effectively.

The veracity of this proposition was proved during the Calcutta Test against the West Indies in 1974-75 and again at Christchurch during the second Test against New Zealand on the recent twin-tour. But we continue to be inexplicably apathetic in this regard. We do have some useful medium-pacers, who can put the new ball to effective use — but our attitude has been to deport them to the Siberian wilderness of third man, long-leg and deep fine, after only a couple of formal overs before we turn to spin. Such in fact has been the attitude of almost all captains in our recent domestic first class cricket, primarily because all our wickets have been made — selfishly — to assist spinners. Under the circumstances, it is well-nigh impossible to encourage and produce fast bowlers.

The need of the hour, therefore, is drastic rethinking on the subject, a complete change in the attitude of the powers-that-be as well as the captains, a realisation that in a game called cricket, pace bowlers are meant to play as useful a part in the attack as the spinners.

The search for pace bowlers is no easy task. There is a ridiculous theory that all one has to do is to find a strapping lad from the North (?) keep him under the watchful eye of a coach for about six months and, hey presto, he will turn out to be a fast bowler fit to knock out the teeth of the best batsmen.

Also, there is not much substance in the theory that we can solve our problem by importing fast bowlers to train our own. The 1963 experiment when four West Indian pacemen came here for a short span of six months, showed that all they

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JOHN

THICKNESSE

asks 'Has cricket's

fear factor got out of hand?'

The year of the bouncer



**DANGER
PAIR:** Andy
Roberts (left)
and Mike
Holding now
warming-up
for their
England tour.

ANDY ROBERTS and Mike Holding landed in England last week. And it through a shameful negligence of current affairs there are those to whom that news conveys nothing, it had better be said at once that to others it's like the Mafia knocking on the door.

For Roberts and Holding are the fastest bowlers among a five-pronged pace attack in the party of West Indian cricketers who flew into Heathrow for a five-Test tour of England.

They are strapping ebony athletes in their twenties, exceptionally powerful in the shoulders and back—and what they bowl, among other slightly less unpleasant things, is a "bouncer." They produce it by thumping the ball into the pitch with all the strength they can muster — at such an angle that when it lands it leaps up towards the batsman's head or shoulders.

Its purpose, bluntly, is to frighten him. Preferably by the draught from its slip-stream as it rushes by at 90 miles an hour . . . but if it is calculated to make the batsman weigh the pros and cons of batting against such bowling and decide that, all things considered, even though he may be playing for his country, with millions watching on TV, he would be better off back in the pavilion.

Everyone who has been hit by a cricket ball will understand the batsman's problem. It is a very solid object, made of leather and cork and yarn, weighing five-and-a-half ounces and possessed of a rough, raised seam that can mark you for a week. Propelled at speed to kill with force it is hard enough to kill and it is only by the grace of God it doesn't kill more often.

Yet, to their credit, few batsmen of any stature throw the towel in — some, including Tony Greig, even appear to relish the short stuff — and if they did they wouldn't hold their places, notably in Test cricket, where through the backwardness of umpires to administer the law, the bouncer thrives.

In essence cricket is a very simple game, a battle between bat and ball. Yet it requires a labyrinth of highly complex laws to cover all its subtleties. The bit that deals with bouncers is note 4, sub-section 6 of Law 46 and reads as follows:

"The persistent bowling of fast, short-pitched balls is unfair if in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's end, it constitutes a systematic attempt at intimidation."

As may be seen, it begs a lot of questions. "Persistent," "systematic" and even in certain cases "intimidation" (since some batsmen

scare more easily than others) are imprecise terms.

Partly as a consequence, but also through weakness, no umpire has yet exercised his right to suspend a bowler — for the rest of the innings and after two warnings at that — although more bouncers are being bowled in Test cricket than since the "Bodyline" series of 1932-33, where what might be called the brutalisation of the ball began. (In the old days it was much more friendly and haphazard. When Ernest Jones bounced one through W.G.'s beard last century, he called "Sorry, doctor, she slipped," and the episode passed off).

It was the "Bodyline", incidentally, that caused sub-section 6 to be added to the law. The tactic was devised by D. R. Jardine, England's captain, as a means of curbing the legendary Don Bradman, who as a 21-year-old had made 974 runs in seven innings to help Australia win the Ashes in England in 1930.

The plan succeeded. Bradman was harried mercilessly by Larwood, Voce and Bowes, and averaged only just over 50. England won 4-1. But the series nearly put an end to Tests between the countries.

Short of re-writing the law in such a way as to make it impos-

able for umpires to avoid applying it, I see no likelihood of bouncers diminishing as long as there are bowlers to bowl them. Test captains being what they are, there is no prospect of their discouraging use of such tactics in an age when there is, anyway, an unhealthy emphasis on winning.

But as to why the bouncer is dominating Test cricket, to its detriment, that is easy. For the first time for more than a decade, there are two pairs of bowlers of great pace about — Roberts and Holding, and the two Australians, Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson, who on the evidence of the past two years may well be the fastest pair ever to have coincided in a cricket team.

Over the years, John Snow has bowled his share for England, with notable success in Australia in 1970/71. By himself, however, he could never be as menacing as are Lillee and Thomson, or Roberts and Holding, in partnership.

Bob Willis and Peter Lever of England are other willing practitioners, theoretically at a pace that makes evasion or a successful hook stroke easier. Yet because of the lamentable suspension (by England in Australia, 1974-75) of the unwritten rule whereby bouncers were bowled only at accredited batsmen, Ewan Chatfield, New Zealand's No. 11 had to be given the kiss of life in Auckland 15 months ago when he deflected one from Lever into his temple off his gloves.

It was a bad moment for Lever, too, and his immediate reaction was to swear he'd never bowl another one. It illustrated a dilemma that confronts fast bowlers that Lever's resolution lasted him less than a fortnight into the next home season.

More bouncers are delivered than are good for cricket, notably in Australia because of the hard pitches. And it is not good enough simply to dismiss it as a phenomenon caused by the coincidence of four amazing bowlers.

The wave may pass but in the meantime umpires must give batsmen greater protection. Or else someone may get killed.

No mercy, England

ENGLAND'S batsmen, only now recovering from the shellshock of two Test series against Australia, can expect no mercy from the West Indies this summer.

Any hangover from their collisions with Messrs. Lillee and Thomson, the slightest sign of weakness against the short-pitched ball will be exploited to the limit of the law.

No one said it in so many words. But this was the clear message from manager, Clyde Walcott and

One's the limit

by JIM LAKER

THE warning signs have been flashing brightly these past two years:

And we cannot afford to ignore their message any longer.

The brakes must be put on the bully bowlers . . . before it's too late.

For, there is no doubt in my mind that, if the bouncer barrage continues, one day soon we shall be mourning someone's death in a Test.

That day must not be allowed to dawn. Clearly, there is little hope of drawing up a verbal peace formula, so the alternative appears simple: legislation.

I want a world-wide agreement to limit the use of bouncers to one per over.

And anyone who stepped outside the limits of the new law would receive far more than the warning currently handed out by the umpires.

A second bouncer in one over would be penalised by awarding 10 runs to the batsman concerned,

runs which would be debited against the bowler's name.

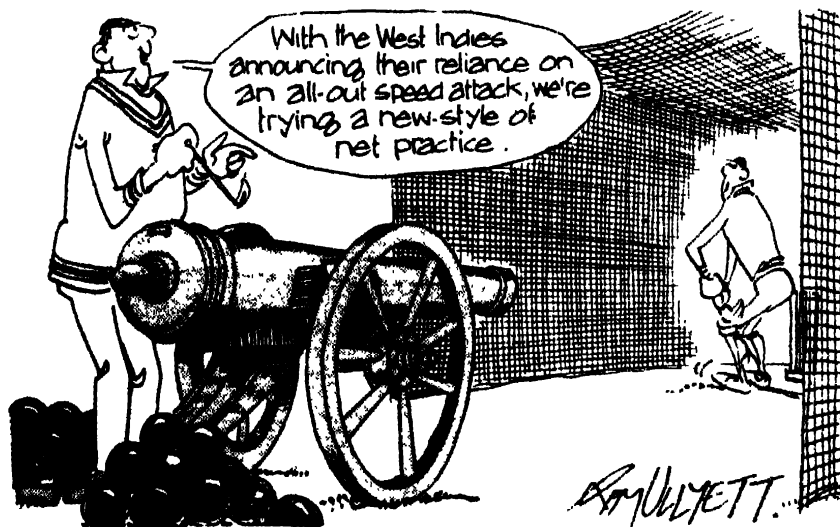
With most modern bowlers as conscious as they are about their averages, I am sure that this would effectively cut down the intimidation which is marring the game.

There is talk of evening up the odds against the harassed batsmen by equipping them with protective head and chest gear.

But the protection should and must come from the umpires, not from special clothing.

We have reached the stage where I believe we need neutral umpires standing in Tests. If the umpires were neutral they would be under less pressure and, therefore, more likely to give decisions particularly appertaining to short-pitched bowling.

Of course, it would be wrong to remove the bouncer from the fast bowler's armoury. Of course, cricket at international level calls for courage as well as ability, but of course, we must not sit back and wait for some further terrible accident to occur before calling a halt to the bumper war.



by PAT GIBSON

skipper Clive Lloyd when the dark destroyers from the Caribbean flew into London last week.

So England have been warned. West Indies have armed themselves with Andy Roberts, Holding, Wayne Daniel, and Van Holder and they are not going to be shy of using their weapons.

No discussions are planned with the Test and County Cricket Board about limiting short-pitched bowling.

"It is up to the umpire to ensure

that it is not overdone," said Walcott. "He has to decide whether it is deliberate bouncing to intimidate batsmen and we are happy to accept that.

"I don't think we are known to be hostile in our cricket, but we may be a little harder now. These days are tough and you have to play hard if you want to win.

"If a fast bowler is not allowed to bowl bouncers the game loses something. He is not trying to hit the batsmen but to get them out."



What, not intimidation?

Pics : GLEANER PHOTOS

The fourth Test—or “war” as skipper Bishen Bedi aptly called it—between India and the West Indies at Kingston, Jamaica, will long be discussed for the intimidatory tactics resorted to by the West Indians to win at any cost. The camera has caught two moments of India’s plight . . . Top: Sunil Gavaskar has his bat knocked out of his hand by Michael Holding bowling round the wicket . . . Right: Anshuman Gaekwad, the much battered and bruised Indian opener receives attention for yet another injury during his long innings





Alvin Kallichar-
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again . . . and
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The Jamaican
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bowling and
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more Indian
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to congratulate
their hero when
he hit Chandra
for a six



From here and there

ENGLAND, Australia and New Zealand have agreed to participate in the second Women's World Cup Cricket tournament to be held in India in December-January 1977-78, according to the secretary of the Women's Cricket Association of India, Mahendra Kumar Sharma.

Besides these three and the hosts, India, Jamaica, Trinidad, Tobago, Holland, Grenada, Sri Lanka and Pakistan were likely to participate.

The details of the tournament would be discussed at the International Women's Cricket Council meeting in London on August 9 this year. India would send two delegates to the meeting.

THE Defence Services is establishing a sports medicine centre in Delhi — the first of its kind in India. The centre will take up clinical and physiological (research) aspect of sportsmen. Surgeon Commander Kottoor has been appointed as the commanding officer.

MRS. Reena Mukherjee (Rajasthan) and Mrs. Vidya Stokes (Himachal) were unanimously elected president and secretary, respectively, of the All-India Women's Hockey Association at its annual general meeting in Gwalior recently.



Jimmy Young finds himself at the receiving end against Muhammad Ali (right) in their 15-round title bout in Landover recently. Ali won the fight on points.

THE International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) has conferred the highest honour, "veteran of IAAF" on Umrao Singh, Punjab's sports minister and president of the Amateur Athletic Federation of India (AAFI), in recognition of his "outstanding contribution to promotion of athletics."

Miki Oda (Japan) is the other

Asian on whom this honour has been conferred. Oda and Umrao Singh, who is also life president of the Asian Amateur Athletic Association (AAAA) and Asia's representative on IAAF, would be awarded "veteran pins" at the general body meeting of the IAAF at Montreal in July.

DEFENDING champion Graham Marsh of Australia coasted to a thrilling victory in the 54-hole 20 million yen (67,000 dollars) Wizard Golf Tournament in Hashimoto, W. Japan recently.

The Australian player was awarded the first prize money of four million yen (13,333 dollars).

One stroke off was Japan's Haruo Yasuda who returned a three-under-par 69 on the final day. Taiwan's Hsieh Min-Nan came in with a 72 and took the third place alone.

THE Board of Control for Cricket in India has extended an invitation to the West Indies to tour in India in 1978-79. Ghulam Ahmed, the Board's Secretary, said recently.

Ahmed said the matter would be placed before the West Indies Cricket Board at their forthcoming meeting at Port of Spain on May 13. A decision would be conveyed to India after the West Indies Board's approval.



The injured Indian hockey goalkeeper, Charles Cornelius who is recovering in an English nursing home after an operation to his damaged knee, recently had a visitor from India — Umrao Singh, Punjab's sports minister (third from left) who was in London.

Tips to young cricketers—19

Forcing the pace

If things are going right keep hitting the ball — don't curb your natural attacking game. But I must stress that an individual approach to fast scoring is usually governed by the situation. To force the pace and quicken the scoring rate does not mean slogging. You must still play shots — and in the main play them along the ground.

In these days of umbrella fields runs can be scored at a reasonable rate by meeting the fast ball firmly and pushing it back either on the on side or off side. The majority of express bowlers now only have one man on each side of the pitch in front of the batsman. As a result, neither aggression nor big hitting is required to maintain a suitable scoring rate, provided you can place the ball wide of the fieldsmen.

Always try to remember the basic rules. If the ball is pitched on the leg side, play it away on the on, if it is on the off side, aim that way and if the ball is straight, hit it back down the ground.

As a youngster I was taught, as every boy should be, to hit along the line of flight. Don't hit across it. But remember that often a lofted shot is good cricket. But don't hit the ball into the air rashly. It can be lofted intelligently and safely, can bring many runs and can disorganise a field.

If you are having difficulty piercing a tightly-packed attacking

field don't be frightened to go "over the top." In most cases the opposing captain will retreat or at least give ground with some of his fieldsmen. Then you can pick up singles with smart running between the wickets.

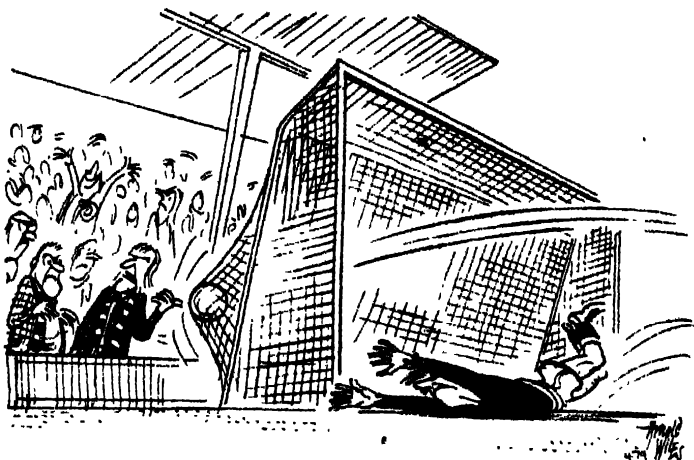
Might I stress here that you have to be "seeing" the ball fairly well before lofting it. And I'd also like to emphasise that the ball should be kept along the ground. Endeavour to play as the occasion demands. When chasing runs against the clock certain risks have to be taken — but don't throw your wicket away. If you have five or six wickets in hand then the risks you take can become greater.

Four or five quick singles in an over is sufficient to keep pace with the clock, as an over averages out at just under five minutes. Wait for the loose ball — and inevitably there is one in an over — and try and take full toll of the bowler's lapses. With an occasional boundary and a few smartly run singles the score will mount steadily.

There are times when scoring at a reasonable rate is difficult because of negative bowling either down the leg side or outside the off stump. It can be frustrating especially when runs are required in a hurry. Here again certain risks have to be taken, depending on the position of the game.

Les Favell in Cricket
the Australian Way
(to be continued)

ALL IN THE GAME!



"We've got a great stopper centre-half—all we need now is a stopper goalkeeper."

Pakistan get to work on Test pitches

PAKISTAN cricket has suffered considerably for lack of proper playing surfaces in recent years. The few pitches at the main Test centres and other important venues are so prepared that a match is generally expected to end in a draw even before a ball has been bowled. Great fast bowlers like Hall, Griffith, Roberts have turned into mediocre bowlers on Pak pitches. Our own Sarfraz, Imran and Asif Masood, who are highly successful in England, have to work really hard and toil to get a couple of wickets on Pak pitches.

To remedy this unhappy state of affairs, former Test cricketer, Zafar Altaf, who is now in England contacted Bernard Flack, who replaced Bert Lock as chief inspector of pitches of the M.C.C. and the Test and County Cricket Board. Flack visited Pakistan as a guest of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan and examined the pitches at the main centres.

Flack came to Pakistan in January 1976. He brought with him a full pitch in strips of 12 feet each which has been laid out at the Qaddafi Stadium, Lahore. He experimented with a number of pitches here as regards the seeds and turf to be grown and the exact proportions of various type of soils to be mixed.

Flack felt that the soil on most of the pitches was hard and did not have any depth, with the result that the grass did not grow deep into the soil, but ran only on the surface. Because of this the grass dies with constant rolling leaving the pitch bald.

Flack was appalled at the equipment available at most of the grounds, some of which was without even a heavy roller. He recommended the use of a spiked roller so that water would run deep into the soil and the roots of the grass would get some moisture.

Flack hoped to come back again next year to see the results of his experiments carried out at various centres.

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Clamp down on bouncer bullies

THE bouncer war has flared up again. The sensational end to the West Indies v India series recently has left a very nasty impression on all of us who want cricket to maintain high ethical standards.

Persistent use of the fast, short-pitched ball — which physically ended any hopes of an Indian victory on only the second day of the the Jamaica Test—must be stamped out. I really cannot imagine that Clive Lloyd and his team got any satisfaction out of winning a series in such a fashion.

There is not a cricketer playing today with a nicer attitude towards the game than Indian captain Bishen Bedi. My sympathies were wholeheartedly with Bedi and his players when he was virtually forced to surrender that last Test because of injuries to three of his batsmen from sharp lifters and to himself and Chandrasekhar while fielding.

In their long history India have produced only one genuine fast bowler — Mohamed Nissar, in the early thirties. They have usually found themselves on the receiving end. But I cannot recall such blatant intimidation against them before.

One columnist accused Bedi of showing a cowardly streak. That to me was a cruel and completely unjustified reflection on a man whose artistry and skill has contributed greatly to the game.

I seem to remember last winter when the West Indies were outplayed by the Australians, Lloyd's men showing little relish for the fierce pace of Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson — and they batted down to number 10!

—NOW

by DENIS COMPTON

Bishen Bedi, a coward?... That's a cruel and completely unjustified reflection on a man whose artistry and skill has contributed greatly to the game...



In my day, the short-pitched ball was not used as consistently as it is now. It was nearly always produced to get a batsman out and not deliberately to put him in fear of injury.

The likes of Ray Lindwall, Keith Miller, Frank Tyson, Fred Trueman, Peter Heine and Neil Adcock, all of whom I faced on numerous occasions, generally used the bouncer as a weapon of surprise. They certainly stuck to the unwritten law concerning fast bowlers of never bowling a short-pitched ball to tail-enders.

Unfortunately, that does not apply today. Everyone, regardless of his ability with the bat, is given the full treatment if necessary. If bowlers have to resort to these methods against batsmen unable to defend themselves, then their standard cannot be very high.

Throughout the years, all the best fast bowlers had a hostile attitude towards batsmen. This is perfectly understandable. For if they had not, their effectiveness would have been considerably reduced.

A great fast bowler in the thirties, who shall be nameless, now has a pub. In his saloon bar there are action photographs around the wall. Not one of them shows him uprooting the stumps. They are photographs of a batsman either clutching his head, chest or groin. It is rather like walking into Emergency—Ward 10. The character of the fast bowler has not changed at all!

It is now up to the umpires to come out strongly against the persistent use of these menacing deliveries. Furthermore, the fast bowler must be taken off if they are used against players unable to defend themselves.

I am looking forward immensely to this coming series against the West Indies. Our visitors have brilliant flair, are marvellous entertainers, but I hope the Tests will not be marred by another barrage of bouncers.

Twenty-two-year-old Michael Holding has quickly made a name for himself. He, undoubtedly shook up the Indians badly in Jamaica putting two batsmen in hospital.

I am told he is an extremely good bowler, but what a pity it is that skipper Lloyd did not make him cut down on the short-pitched balls. It is no way for a new star to begin his Test career.

I am sure of one thing—he will meet tougher umpires in England this summer.

Ahmedabad may miss the MCC

SPORTSWEEK Correspondent
AHMEDABAD:

THE cricket fan of Ahmedabad might after all miss the chance of watching the MCC cricketers when they tour India this winter.

The Gujarat Cricket Association has been allotted MCC's match against the Board President's XI. The match is scheduled to be held in Ahmedabad from December 27 to 29.

But the terms that the Board of Control for Cricket in India has set for the match are too high and the GCA doesn't relish the treatment meted out to it.

The Board wants Rs. 3 lakhs from the GCA as guarantee money

for this three-day match. The other centres will pay only Rs. 70,000 per three-day game and Rs. 3.5 lakhs per Test when the New Zealanders will be followed by the MCC this winter.

The Board has set aside this particular match in benefit of the Cricketers' Benevolent Fund. Hence its high demand.

But the GCA is peeved at the thought that it should be picked for the largest contribution while other centres make much larger profits.

Some centres have been able to rake in profits of Rs. 30 lakhs from

each Test. Why spare them, the GCA officials ask.

That besides, a few Test centres will get to host two Tests this winter. Why not pick on them? Why make the GCA bear the biggest burden?

When the West Indies were here last year the GCA paid out Rs. 50,000 for their three-day game against Karnataka. When Sri Lanka toured last winter, the GCA shelled out Rs. 35,000 for the four-day second 'Test.'

Now the GCA has written to the Board that it will be unable to meet the demand. Will the Board climb down?



His slashing two-fisted forehand and rousing brand of play won him more friends than trophies...

I'd like to tell you a little bit about a man who, though well past his heyday as a touring pro, continues to gain admiration and authority the world over for rare coaching talents and feisty style.

You won't find his name etched on the championship rolls at Forest Hills, and he never made it past the early rounds at Wimbledon.

His slashing two-fisted forehand and rousing brand of play have won him many more friends than trophies — and believe me, he'd have it no other way.

If you haven't guessed by now, I've been singing the praises of my long-time coach and great friend Pancho Segura.

The Connors connection with Segu goes back to my mom's days as a tour player. She played the Pan American Cup with Pancho, and they met and practiced whe-

The Segura connection

rever their paths crossed on the international circuit.

Back in 1968 when the Missouri winters were putting a freeze on my tennis career, my mom and grandma sent me out west to train under Pancho. I had heard so much about this man that when I got to California I felt that I had to prove myself to him. I worked long hours on my own and practiced with some of the other young players that he had taken under his wing. So I worked very hard, and luckily he took an interest in me.

Pancho has the ability to get the best out of a player. I didn't know it then, but he was giving me a lot more than stronger strokes and a few more shots. I got a bit of Ecuadorian fire and temperament in the bargain—and it has stayed

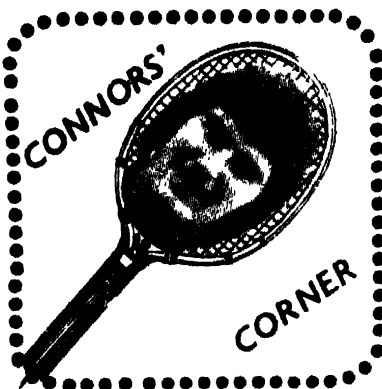
with me ever since. I'd just like to keep it in my game and tone it out of my personality.

A good coach at courtside can reverse the tempo of a tight match. Segura knows the game and the pro players inside out. He has duelled Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall when they were winning upwards of a dozen tournaments a year. If I'm at Forest Hills or at Caesars Palace and he tells me to hit to, say Rosewall's forehand, you'd better believe that the next 50 shots land on Ken's forehand.

Today at 54, the Gray Fox hasn't limited himself to passing on his vintaged strategies and training techniques to pro players alone. In addition to playing spot tournaments on the sport's "Ben Gay" circuit, the Grand Masters tour, Pancho spends a good deal of his time living the good life at Las Costa, his lush tennis resort complex in Southern California.

Besides trading strokes with club members Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Robert Redford, Segu settles down to serious instruction with collegiate players and eager vacationers.

And if you're really serious sharpening up your game, you won't have to croon like Sinatra or even howl like J. C. to step on the same court with Segura. Let me give you one tip though—watch out for that Ecuadorian fire, it's catching!



Scratch pair win WCT doubles

WOJTEK FIBAK of Poland and Karl Meiler of West Germany, are the top doubles team in world tennis only seven months after they teamed up to win a tournament in Barcelona.

They won the World Championship title and pocketed £10,000 each last week when they beat Americans Stan Smith and Bob Lutz in a three-hour showdown in Kansas City.

The crowd of nearly 6,000 were on their feet at the end to salute the Europeans, who won 6-3, 2-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 to upset the American pair so strongly fancied to regain a championship they had held three years ago.

At the beginning of the week, Kansas City residents had been asking "Wojtek who"? They knew nothing about the Iron Curtain player, who had decided to come

to the U.S. in a chase for dollars rather than play in a Davis Cup tie for Poland against Italy in Florence last weekend.

Now they know. Fibak and Meiler, who won the Dewar Cup at the Albert Hall last November, must now be rated a real force in world tennis.

They showed the better nerves, even though they looked demoralised as they lost the second and third sets.

The Europeans' slump began when Fibak was refused what looked a good ace against Smith in the sixth game of the second set.

The linesman claimed he was unsighted and the umpire, who was seated closest to where the ball had crossed the line, refused to make a decision, but called for Fibak to serve twice more. Fibak,

head down, lost that service and the game.

But the more stolid Meiler pulled his team-mate round in the fourth set and from then on it was a ding-dong fight.

The final set was a knife-edge affair and Lutz, after serving three break points in his first service game, slid off the edge when he faced the same situation in the ninth game.

Three magnificently struck service returns by Fibak stretched the stocky American to such an extent that he was lured into hitting two balls out and a third into the net.

That left Fibak to serve for the title and, although he dumped the ball into the net on his first match point, a smash by Meiler and a backhand volley by Fibak down the middle proved winning shots.



Vijay Amritraj gives the lads a few tips

Ashe gambles on title

From BARRY NEWCOMBE

ARTHUR ASHE is gambling on his run-in to the defence of his Wimbledon tennis title this summer — while arch-rival Jimmy Connors, the siege-gun left-hander beaten by Ashe in last year's final, is leaving nothing to chance in his bid to regain the crown.

Ashe will play on grass for only one week before Wimbledon, because he has decided to try for glory in the Italian and French championships, the great slow court duo of Europe, which traditionally tires even the best players.

But Connors will not be seen in Rome or Paris. Instead, he will be sharpening his grass court game with a three-week stint at Chichester, Beckenham and Nottingham.

Ashe missed the Rome-Paris tie-up last year, but says: "I'm 32 and for me it is now a matter of winning as many major titles as I can in the time left for me around the top.

"I wish Connors would play more in the major tournaments. He tends to pick his tournaments, or at least the ones he thinks he can win, and I'd like to see him trying to prove himself in the big ones."

Ashe arrived here, dressed totally in black, looking the compelling figure, which he has now become in world tennis — his status as Wimbledon champion, his presidency of the players' trade union, all add to his unique position as being the first black American to strike gold in tennis.

With an eye to the future, he says: "The whole tennis calendar wants straightening out — there should be a proper grass court circuit before Wimbledon and the gap between Paris and Wimbledon should be much more than one week."

Kansas is the heart of America and the 16 players in Kansas for the showdown were feted in style at the pre-tournament reception.

Each player was given a specially cut glass bowl, made in Sweden, and costing £750, in addition to their bonus cheques for reaching the finals.

They cannot complain that their surroundings do not match the occasion.

They are staying in a 20-storey hotel, the first five floors of which are adorned with a waterfall around which the whole edifice has been constructed.

VIJAY CONDUCTS A CLINIC

MADRAS:

A year ago, during a talk, your correspondent asked Vijay Amritraj whether it was not incumbent on star players like him to help young and promising players by imparting to them at least a little of what they had learnt.

Vijay said 'yes' and added that the Tennis Players Association of India, of which he is a member, had plans to conduct clinics at different places in the country for the benefit of youngsters. No such clinic, however, was conducted—if there was any there was no news about it—till the other day when Vijay held one at Madras Gymkhana for the members of the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association Coaching Scheme.

According to M. V. G. Apparao, secretary of the T N T A, Vijay Amritraj, despite the fact that he was back home from the US for a few days' rest, made a spontaneous offer to conduct the clinic, free of charge, and the association readily accepted it. It was a fine gesture on Vijay's part, Apparao said.

The presence of the popular star in their midst in itself was enough

to thrill the young players. And to have the privilege of getting valuable tips from a man who has had the coaching and guidance from such all-time greats like Pancho Gonzales and Pancho Segura and who has played against the world's best players!

They listened to him with rapt attention and were all eyes as he demonstrated the strokes. It was not all 'How to play the Vijay way'. He showed them the distinctive points that he had observed in the games of renowned players like John Newcombe, Arthur Ashe and Stan Smith. Some players like the talented Amreeta Ahluwalia had the pleasure of playing, though for a brief while, with him.

Among the points that Vijay stressed were: the importance of the throw-up of the ball to the proper height and the full back-swing with the racket-head touching the small of the back; the need for serving differently for each point in a game; the necessity to impart spin to a second serve and for a side-way stance and enough elbow room to make flowing and forceful strokes; the desirability of gradually packing more and more

power into the strokes with due practice and of the use of the non-racket-hand to rest the racket before playing each stroke.

The Gymkhana stands were packed to capacity and, after the clinic, Vijay entertained the enthusiasts of the game to a feast of tennis, along with his brothers, Anand and Ashok, and Peter Mykrantz with whose family the Amritraj brothers stay often during the American circuit. To the seasoned observer it was clear that Vijay had improved his ground strokes immensely during the last few months. They were as sharp as razor's edge. Among those who were agape were the marker and, the ball boys of the Gymkhana who could not but speak in admiration about the player who once was just another boy in the club. They also admired the progress that Anand and Ashok had made.

The presence of the Amritraj brothers made up for the absence of many star players, including local stalwart R. Krishnan who did not take part in the Tamil Nadu State championships.

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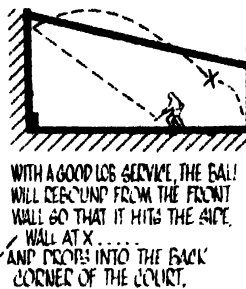
Forehand lob service

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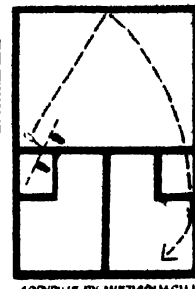
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A good lob service can put the server into an attacking position right at the start of the rally . . . it can even win a point.

All the illustrations in this drawing are for left handers but apply equally to right handers.



by
DAVID
HENDERSON

Cycling the year round

attempt on the record—the new Ossie Nicholson record. He was Tommy Godwin, a well-known English racing cyclist.

The mere thought of trying to beat the record of nearly 63,000 miles, especially in England, where riding conditions could never be as good as those in which the Australian had achieved such a fantastic mileage, would have appalled most men.

During the first six months he cycled 34,610 miles, covering 361 miles in one gloriously sunny day. But then, in September, came the declaration of war. It was thought at first that Godwin would be forced to abandon his record attempt, but permission was given for him to continue, although this would mean riding for some hours each day in the blackout that was enforced throughout the country.

Despite this, however, he continued to average more than 200 miles a day and on October 26, he passed Nicholson's mileage record.

Eventually, towards midnight on December 31, 1939, his year-long ride came to an end and a new record was achieved. Tommy Godwin clocked 75,065 miles in the 365 days of 1939, equivalent to a distance of more than three circuits of the globe.

He deserved all the congratulations he received from the large crowd of fellow cyclists who gathered in the darkness of London's Hyde Park to greet him on that wartime New Year's Eve.

ON December 31, 1938, Ossie Nicholson, one of Australia's greatest long distance cyclists, completed a fantastic ride that had lasted for 365 consecutive days. He set out on January 1 of that year in an attempt to beat the world record for mileage covered throughout a complete 12 months.

It meant averaging at least 170 miles a day every day for a whole year, but Ossie Nicholson, one of the few Australians with personal experience of the gruelling Tour de France, seemed to grow stronger as the months passed. Then into December, with the former record beaten, he piled on the pace.

During the last 48 hours of his cycling marathon he went without sleep and covered 402 miles. Then just before midnight he was greeted by a crowd of 30,000 revellers at the Mordialloc, Victoria, New Year's Eve Carnival and acclaimed as the new world record holder with 62,855 miles behind him, a magnificent effort.

Twelve months later, in the early hours of January 1, 1939, another man set off from West London at the start of another



by HOSEY MISTRY

- How many years running did Sohan Singh win the National 800 m. run?
- To which sports do the following personalities belong? a) Judy Devlin, b) Gizi Farkas c) Tamara Press.
- Who won the mixed doubles title in the first Asian Table Tennis championships?
- When was the game of basketball invented? a) 1837, b) 1839 or c) 1847.
- Who was the first recognised world chess champion? a) Paul Murphy, b) Wilhelm Steinitz or c) Mikhail Botvinnik.
- In which sport are the Queensberry rules applied?
- Who were the winners at the first Inter-State Badminton championships?
- Who is the only player to have won the World Amateur Billiards title thrice?
- At what other sport did Wimbledon champion Jaroslav Drobný gain international fame?

ANSWERS:

1. Seven. 1952 to 1958. 2. a) Badminton, b) table tennis and c) athletics. 3. Kalyan Jayant and Gool Nasikwalla, of India. 4. 1839. 5. Wilhelm Steinitz. 6. Boxing. 7. Delhi. 8. Australia's Robert Marshall in 1936, 1938 and 1951. 9. Ice hockey.

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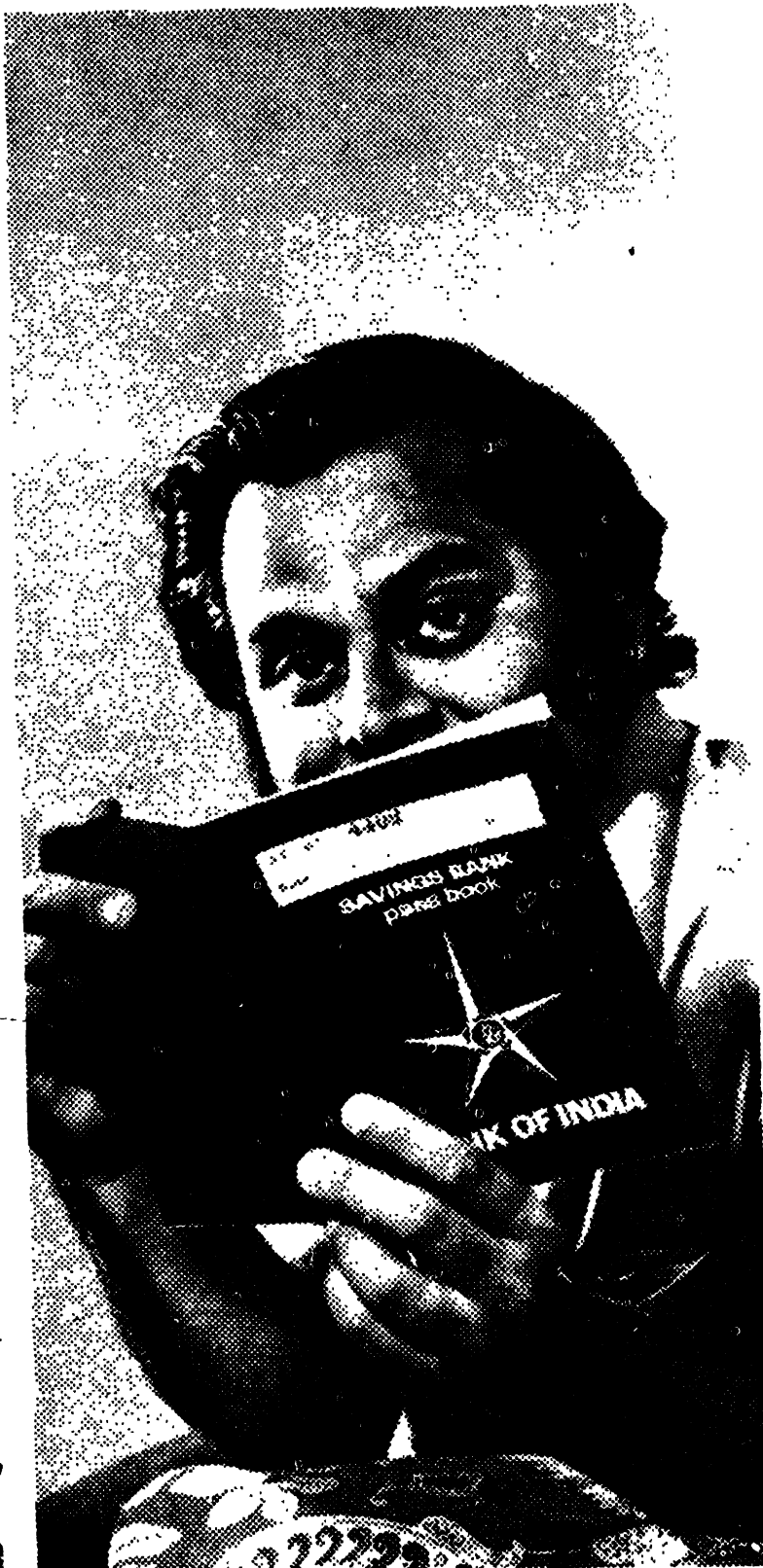
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PROFILE

"**P**ERHAPS no other family encourages its members to participate in athletics as mine" mused Dorothy Menezes, who has staged a come-back to athletics after a lay-off due to a muscle rupture.

Dorothy was originally a kho-kho player. Chickapapaiah introduced her to athletics. In her first major tournament — the State-level tournament in 1971 — she won the 100 and 600m runs for girls under 14. Later at the Ahmedabad inter-state meet, she secured third place in both. Her record was very good until her injury.

She stood 2nd in 100 and 200m runs for women at Colombo and in the state Olympics, stood first in girls' 100, 200 and long jump events. Then at the Kottayam nationals, she was third in 100 and 200 for girls under 16. Next year she participated in the Durgapur meet where she won the 100 and 200m and was second in the long jump.

It was while she was practising that she was injured. Due to lack



of proper training, she was not doing any warm-up exercises for practice and in the process, she suffered a muscle rupture, which put her out of athletics for almost two years, during which time she de-

Dorothy Menezes

cided to opt out — but the friendly persuasion of family friend Ghorpade and her family induced her to stage a come-back.

Her first major meet after her recovery was the Calicut inter-university. Then, at the Karnataka inter-university, she won the 100 and 200m runs and leapt to her career best of 5.08 m. At the CPM meet, she scored a second place in the 100m. At the Patiala selection trials for the Seoul meet earlier, Dorothy was tried for 400m event but due to a weak abdomen, she developed stomach cramps. However, NIS coach Mohindersingh's recommended abdomen exercises have done her good — as is evident from the fact that she won the 400m event in the Karnataka Olympics with a new state record time of 61.06 secs.

Besides athletics, 19-year-old Dorothy also enjoys kho-kho and soft ball, having captained her school and college teams in these sports. Outside the sports arena, doll collecting is her favourite hobby. She is a good singer too.

— R. SRINAGESH

Q WERE the West Indies deliberately trying to injure India's batsmen in the final Test?

—Jagmohan Singh (Delhi).

A WHETHER it was deliberate or not, the West Indies were certainly desperate

Q WHAT do you think of India's overall performance on their twin-tour of New Zealand and the West Indies?

—Narasimha Rao (Hyderabad).

A A Test victory in each series is pretty good especially when one takes into account the various limitations of the team.

Q IS there any other instance of a father and son scoring centuries on their Test debut like Lala Amarnath and his son Surinder?

— Charudutta Prayag (Madras-90)

A NO. The Amarnaths are unique.

Q WHEN and where was Andy Roberts born?

—Meher Kermani (Bombay).

A ANDY ROBERTS was born on January 29, 1951, in the fishing village of Urling in Antigua.

QUESTION BOX

Q WHO was Chandrasekhar's 100th Test victim?

—M. Kiran Ballu (Hubli).

A ENGLAND's Dennis Amiss, at Madras, in 1972-73. It was Chandrasekhar's 22nd Test

Q WHY is Viswanath never considered for Test captaincy?

—Mustafa Attar (Bombay).

A KARNATAKA will have to consider him first

Q WHO is the secretary of the All-India Women's Football Federation?

—S. S. Shetty (Khandala)

A S. R. Zaidi, of Lucknow.

Q HOW is it that India were refused permission to take part in the Merdeka football tournament last year and have been given the green signal this year?

—S. K. Rao (Bangalore)

A BECAUSE of the change in the set-up of the All-India Football Federation.

Q IS there any rule in chess which states that if a player is left with only the king his opponent must end the game within a specified number of moves? If so, how many?

—Jayant Rajan (Shillong).

A YES. Fifty moves.

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





▲ John Correa, Central Bank goalkeeper, sprawls on the ground but Sukhbir Singh of Central Railway fails to score. Central Railway, however won 2-0

▼ HSEB goalkeeper Parveen makes a good stop against Bharat Heavy Electricals, Bhopal. HSEB won 2-1



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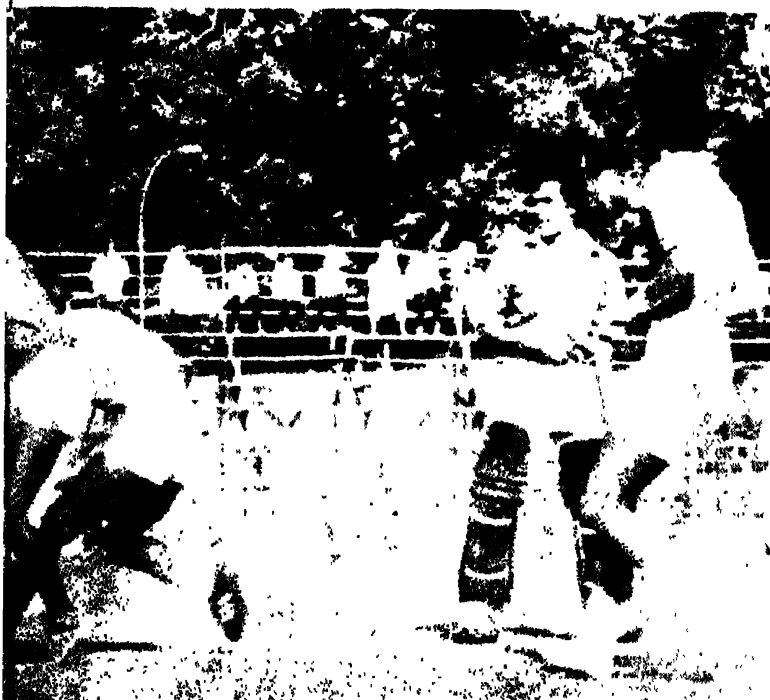
This season's Aga Khan was recently at the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Aga Khan Foundation. He was in the city of Bhopal, India, where he was the guest of honor at a reception. He was also the guest of honor at a reception at the Aga Khan Foundation in London.

A KHAN OCKEY

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Central Railway outside right Sukhjinder Singh scores after a penalty corner melee with John Correa, Central Bank goalkeeper looking on helplessly



◀ Tata centre-forward Gilbert Lobo just misses the and Income Tax goalkeeper Bhosle was left str
Tata won 3-1 after a keen tussle

HSEB goalkeeper Parveen falls but Shahid Noor of BHE, Bhopal, failed to find the mark



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Know Your Stars ...

Paramjit Singh

UNFORTUNATELY, Indian basketball teams do not go abroad very often, and I, like many Indian players have always longed to make one of these trips. I was elated when I got my chance in late 1975 for the 8th ABC (Bangkok).

We did very well there and I learnt a lot on that trip . . . yes, I am very eager to represent India again. This year, after the Nationals, I played against the Russians, but that was only a friendly test.

Earlier, I was a probable for the National team for the Tehran Asiad. We were all disappointed when the basketball squad was scratched. Basketball is my life now . . . I am employed by Western Railway, but I am continuing my studies at the Government College, Ajmer.

I started playing basketball in 1969 at Khalsa School, Sri Ganganagar (my birthplace). That year I played for Rajasthan State (Schools) at Poona — we were the runners-up.

Since then, there has been no looking back. In the 1970 Nationals at Agra, we, the Rajasthan juniors, won the National title for the first time; I can never forget that victory as I was the top-scorer in that final.

In 1971 our powerful Rajasthan University combination won the North Zone title, but unfortunately the All-India was cancelled. Anyhow, I have figured prominently

in our university's four successive all-India wins since then.

It was after the 1972 pre-Asians at Ujjain (where Rajasthan were third) that I moved to Ajmer (Govt. College) and came under the wing of the famed Bhagwan Singh ('Guruji'), who is still my mentor. But, I do owe a lot to Prithpal Singh who taught me all the fundamentals at the Mt. Abu coaching camps.

At the pre-Asians at Sawai Madhopur after the Delhi (1975) Nationals, I performed well enough to be called again for the India camp. This time the team was cleared and I was really proud to be among the 12 that did so well at Bangkok . . . we thrashed the holders, the Philippines and stood fourth. But honestly, we were no match for South Korea and China, the Chinese in particular impressed me.

Well, I have played badly sometimes . . . this year at the Calcutta Nationals, our team, the Railways were strong favourites for the title but we lost badly . . . I flopped in that match, after playing well right through the championship. In fact, our full team played below par.

Of course, I do think that the standard of the game is improving, thanks to the encouragement and facilities given by Western Railway, Tisco etc. And, the game is becoming more and more popular after the 'indoor' Nationals at Cal-



cutta, because of wider coverage by TV (in big cities) and the press and also due to India's inspired show at Bangkok.

I am 23 years old now and still have very much to look forward to on the national and international scene. After all Abbas and Kushi, two of my favourite players are still going strong after two decades of competitive basketball.

Right now my shooting is accurate and my rebounding and defence are good. Still, there are a lot of rough edges to be evened out and there is a lot more to learn before I can achieve my ultimate aim . . . to become a great allrounder like Abbas Moontasir.

Text: Joe Puthran

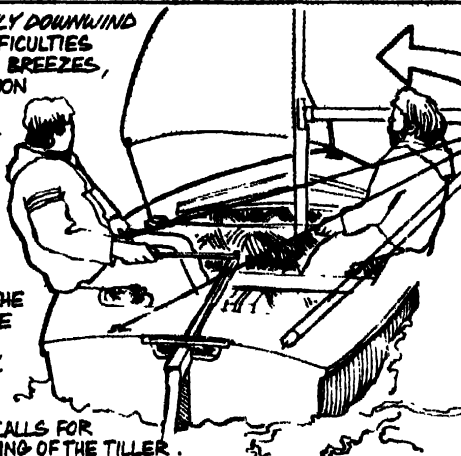
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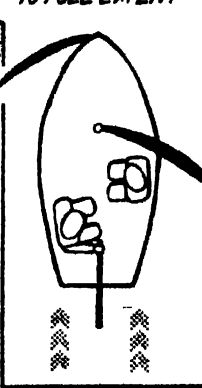
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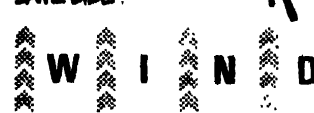
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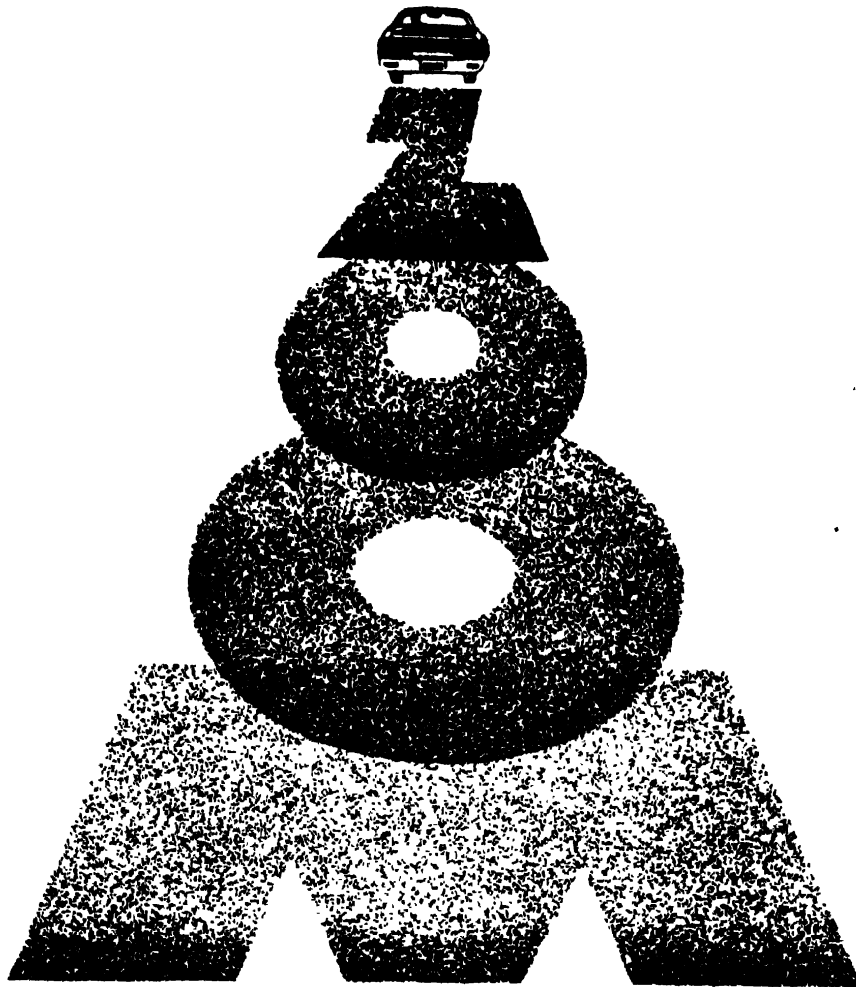
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IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, ESPECIALLY FOR THE IN-EXPERIENCED, IT IS EASIER TO TURN SLIGHTLY INTO THE WIND (TO 'LUFF UP') AND TAKE THE WIND 'OVER THE QUARTER', KEEPING THE SAILS ON THE SAME SIDE.



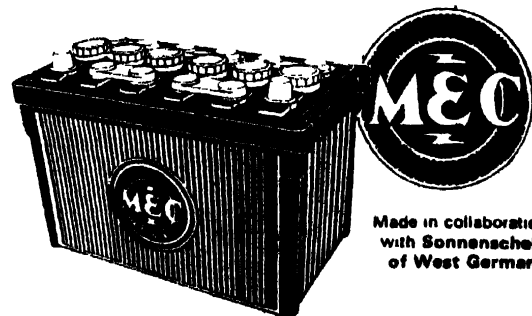
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Sports seminar

INDORE:

THE seminar on sports, conducted by the sports co-ordination committee of M.P., was a success with over 500 delegates from all parts of the state taking part. Inaugurating the seminar, Dr. Shridhar Mishra, minister for sports (M.P.), exhorted schools and colleges to take to sport earnestly. He declared his Government's intention to preserve open spaces in towns and cities as playgrounds.

Mahesh Joshi, MLA, convenor, elaborately explained the difficulties faced by sportsmen and their organisations. For three days the delegates discussed suggestions from various associations and gave final shape to their recommenda-



Mrs. Ambika Soni, M.P. (right) addressing the delegates at the seminar

tions to cure the ills that have crept into the field of sports. These committees included eminent ex-sportsmen and seasoned officials like Kishanlal, S. R. Chaddha, A. W. Kanmadikar, A. Chhajalani, M. M. Jagdale, Capt. C. T. Sarwate, Roop Singh and many other distinguished participants.

Concluding the seminar, Smt. Ambika Soni, M.P., said that the co-ordination committee should make ceaseless efforts to see that the recommendations are implemented by all concerned including the govt.

—MAHENDRA MAHAJAN



P. Y. C. Hindu Gymkhana, Pune, won the Major Shankerrao Chafetar cricket trophy in Pune recently. They beat Club of Maharashtra in the final. Right: Manali Wandekar and Medha Mane receive the senior girls' championship trophy from SPORTS-WEEK Managing Editor Khalid Ansari, at the sports meet of the Maneckji Cooper School in Bombay recently



Gujarat awards for sportmen

AHMEDABAD:

THE Gujarat Government honoured five of its sportsmen on May Day, the State's 17th anniversary, with the Sardar Patel Awards. The awards, instituted last year, carry a certificate, a blazer, a crest and a cash prize of Rs. 1,000.

The five who were honoured this year were: Subhash Patel and Miss Geeta Amin (athletics), Anshuman Gaekwad (cricket), Bimal Shah (rifle shooting) and Natverlal Mali (judo).

Here are their achievements:

Subhash Patel (Ahmedabad) — He is the finest allround athlete Gujarat has produced for a long time. He finished second in the decathlon at the Inter-State championships last year at Madras and this year at Kottayam dropped out

Vijay Club, Pune, winners of the Pune League cricket championship

because of an injury after leading at the end of the first day's five events.

Geeta Amin (Kaira) — Easily the most outstanding woman athlete of Gujarat. She performed consistently at the National Schools Games until last year and was to the fore in the Inter-University and Inter-State meets this year. Her events are: shot put, discus and high jump.

Anshuman Gaekwad (Baroda) —

He has been leading Baroda in the Ranji Trophy for the past two seasons and earned an India cap when the West Indies toured here last year.

Bimal Shah (Ahmedabad) — A veteran, he won the .22 rifle event at last year's shooting nationals.

Natverlal Mali (Baroda) — He won the 37 kg. event in the National Judo Championships last year.

—SW Correspondent





Meena Bora and Phani Sharma (right) . . . off to Korea with the Indian team



ASSAM TT LOOKS UP

GAUHATI:

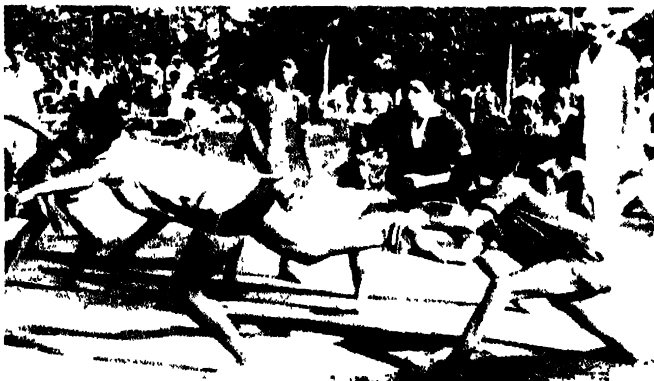
THE recent inclusion of Meena Bora — one of Assam's most promising sportswomen — in the Indian team for the Asian Table Tennis Championships to be played at Pyongyang, DPR Korea was widely welcomed by sportslovers here — and it is hoped that her first taste of international competition will do the girl much good.

Meena hails from Golaghat — a district town in Upper Assam — and has been making steady progress in the last few years. Her

laurels include twice leading Assam to victory in the inter-state girls championships (Madras 73-74, Jaipur 75-76). She is currently ranked No. 2 in the country amongst girls.

Assam's other member in the contingent is Phani Sharma who has been nominated as the official delegate of TTFI. On merit and also by virtue of his excellent record as the Finance Secretary of the 33rd World TT. Sharma deserved the honour.

—SW Correspondent



The women's final in progress

WBKA's silver jubilee

THE West Bengal Kabaddi Association completed 25 years of existence last month. Meagre though the WBKA's means are, it has chalked out an impressive programme to celebrate its silver jubilee. The proceedings began with the finals of the state knock-out championships, when Eastern Railway geared themselves to peak form and completely annihilated the opposition, South-Eastern in the final, 33-7.

In the women's event too, Mohammedan A.C., had to contend with more than they bargained for as Nadia District swamped them

18-12, the Mohammedan A.C. points coming in the last stages. In the boys' section, Natun Bazar Ashok Sangha achieved a 'double' when they beat Nalikata Yuvak Sammilan 28-14.

It was announced that the state association would stage the first-ever international kabaddi tournament in November this year. Bangladesh, Nepal, Malaysia, Mauritius are expected to participate. And if there are five entries, the door will be open for the introduction of the game at the next Asian Games.

—ARJIT SEN

Dara wrestles for the blind

BURNPUR:

DARA SINGH and his party came to participate in an exhibition freestyle wrestling programme here, held recently in aid of Blind Association of India. Around 30,000 Dara fans crowded inside the arena and nearly 10,000 more peered in disappointingly from outside the Burnpur stadium.

Four bouts were featured. The first between Sucha Singh and Mehardin ended in a draw. Randhwa, brother of Dara, won by a knock-out against Tiger Ali in the 3rd round of the second bout. Dara Singh himself was the cynosure of all eyes as he beat Kong (nephew of late King Kong 6' 4" height and 300 lbs.) via the short route, holding him in his famous style, "dead lock" in the 3rd round. Omar Sharif lost to Tarlok Singh on a technical knock-out in the fourth and last bout of the day.

—N.G.P.

Pal memorial trophy

ASANSOL:

ON the auspicious "Naba Barsa" (Bengali New Year) Day, the football season got under way at the Loco Stadium. This is the Golden Jubilee year of Barret Club one of the premier institutions here. The members of the Netaji Krida Sangha have resolved to institute a trophy in memory of "Ghoshtho Pal," the legendary Indian footballer, who died recently at the age of 80.

—N. G. PAL

Inter-district sports meet

THE two-day inter-district sports meet at Howrah Dasnagar playground saw 200 participants from seven districts in 31 events. Team champions were 24 Parganas (men), Howrah (women) and Chandannagar (boys). Dewaki Nandan Ghosh (men), Purnima Das (women), Natakrisna Karmakar and Subodh Das (boys — jointly) became the individual champions.

—P. Chattopadhyaya



Triple crown winner V. Lazar receives the trophy from chief executive councillor Radharaman

Lazar bags triple crown

DELHI:

THE second Invitation Carrom tournament hosted by the Hindustan Times sports club was played here at the Northern Railway Stadium recently. About 190 top players from 12 state units took part in the tournament which attracted huge crowds of carrom enthusiasts from all over the capital.

Players from Tamil Nadu reigned supreme in the tournament in the absence of the Maharashtra team which cried off at the last moment. V. Lazar, ex-National

champion (Tamil Nadu) had an easy time all along and he annexed the triple crown—men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles titles. His nimble fingers never faltered and he dazed his opponents by pulling off seemingly impossible points.

Vijay Laxmi Somanchi, a seasoned campaigner and ex-National champion (Delhi) too was never fully extended. Mrs. Vani, whom she beat in the finals was completely outwitted by the masterly strokes of Mrs. Somanchi.

Ashok Saini—future hope

claimed 4 for 54 — all wickets being those of Ranji players. The selectors were so impressed that he was soon in the Haryana state Ranji team in 1973-74.

He also represented Haryana in the North Zone C. K. Nayudu (under-22) tournament and was successful with his leg-breaks and googlies claiming 2 for 32 against Delhi.

HP Football

The little market-town of Mandi in Himachal Pradesh will host the H.P. Hot Weather football tournament from June 6th to 13th later this year.

Several prominent teams from Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and U.P. besides the hosts themselves, are expected to participate and provide a feast of good soccer for the local sports-loving public.

Bhargava badminton

Modi at his best

ALLAHABAD:

SYED MODI of Gorakhpur, National and U.P. junior champion, gave an exhilarating display of controlled badminton, to win the coveted double crown in the U.P. state level B. N. Bhargava memorial badminton tournament held at the Mayo hall sports complex here. Showing commendable grit, the 14-year-old defeated the reigning U.P. and Allahabad District champion Arun Kakkar in three games 13-15, 18-16 and 15-1.

In the junior singles final, Syed Modi again won, getting the better of Akhilesh Chandra of Lucknow, U.P. No. 2 in straight games, 15-3 and 15-7.

Support

In the men's doubles final, former U. P. champion Girdharilal Mehrotra, a seasoned campaigner, with admirable support from R. K. Gupta, former Allahabad university champion, defeated Arun Kakkar and Syed Modi rather tamely, 15-5 and 15-7 in 27 minutes. Mehrotra with his grand over-head smashes, deep tossing, drops and anticipation often caught his opponents napping. Gupta gave him all the support he needed. Arun sprained his leg and was not seen at his best in this match.

Allahabad District champion Sukesha Abroll, maintained her supremacy in local badminton, defeating her traditional rival Gargi Moitra rather tamely in straight games 11-3 and 11-1 in nine minutes.

—S. P. DEB

ADSA transfers

ALLAHABAD:

AS many as 160 applied for inter-club soccer transfers under the ADSA. Of these seven did not submit their forms and 18 withdrew their transfers in favour of their old clubs. As a result of these transfers, George Town Assn., Akansha Club, Khuldabad Tigers, Suleimsarai, Krishna Nagar, Sporting and Lukraganj Club have been visibly strengthened. Youngsters Club here lost some of their stalwarts.

—S.P.D.



SOME eight years ago, in 1968, a young cricketer among the Punjab School's Cricket Coaching Camp, impressed the selectors with his batting prowess, making strokes all round the wicket. The following year he represented the Punjab state school's team in C. K. Nayudu Schools Championship held at Delhi where he scored 38 runs against West Bengal. The young lad in question is Ashok Saini.

The opening of the Sports College at Hissar was the turning point in Ashok's career for he was now able to get proper coaching. His entry into first-class cricket was facilitated by his performance against Chandigarh XI where he



The ITI team which beat CIL in the final

CPM cup for ITI

BANGALORE:

THE Indian Telephone Industries won the C. P. M. soccer final with a well-deserved, though narrow 1-0 win over C.I.L. in the final, Rajasekhar getting the winner in the 18th minute of play.

It could have been a bigger and more decisive win for I.T.I., but for some brilliant saves by goalkeeper Chinnababu who thrice foiled Rajasekhar who was also guilty of bungling a sitter.

This was a replayed final, the first meeting ending in chaos a minute before full-time, following a decision by referee Varadaraj who failed to award a penalty to I.T.I. after a handling offence by defender Vittal Rao.

Varadaraj was then suspended for three months after a hastily

called meeting of the Referees' Board, the Karnataka State Football Association and the tournament committee in the presence of A. T. Vijayarangam, Hon. General Secretary who is also the AIFF secretary.

This was indeed a harsh decision and sets a pretty bad and dangerous precedent which may not be in the interest of the game.

There was another incident in the tournament when A.S.C. Centre protested strongly against the decisions of the referee in their match against C.I.L. which they drew and with the committee not acceding to their request of declaring them winners of the match, they withdrew from the tournament.

—SW Correspondent



The Vijaya College, Mulki, staff team, winners of the inter-collegiate tennis, t.t. and badminton tourneys

MEG champs

BANGALORE:

ME G. showed all the fine coaching from Olympian V. J. Peter as they drubbed B.E.M.L. (K.G.F.) to the tune of nine goals without reply to emerge 'C' Division hockey champions here. Centre-forward Kumaresan (three), right-winger Jeremios (2) and left-back Biddappa, left-winger Ganesh, centre-half Vijayan and inside-right Purshotam, one each, were the scorers.



Above left: The Tamil Nadu junior cricket XI which had a successful tour of the Southern Districts, winning five of their 8 matches. Above: V. N. Rajan, IGP, Kerala and president, State Rifle Shooting Assn. inaugurates a new district assn. at Malappuram. Left: Kerala Transport Co., Calicut proved to be a force in women's volleyball in the state — winning three tourneys in the state this season and then claiming a fourth in neighbouring Pondicherry

ALTHOUGH the Pawn is a tiny unit on the chess board, the threat of Pawn promotion is often the sole deciding factor of a game

In the following game Black's insignificant looking QBP clinches the issue. The game was played in an international tournament in U.S.A. won by Petrosian with 5½ points out of 7.

GRUNFELD DEFENCE

White: Deik

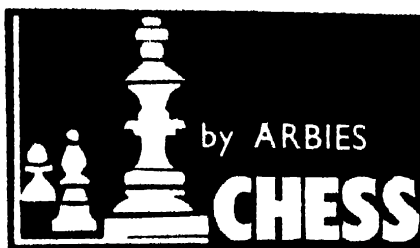
Black: Smyslov

1. PQ4, NKB3 2. NKB3, PKN3 3. PB4, BN2 4. NB3, PQ4 5. PxP, (a) NxP 6. PK3, 00 7. BQB4, NN3 8. BK2, (b) PQB4! 9. PxP?.. QxQch 10. BxQ, N3Q2 11. NQR4, NR3 12. PB6, PxP 13. BQ2, (c) N RB4 14. NxN, NxN 15. BK2, BxP 16. RQN1, RN1 17. NQ4, BQ2 18. 00, NK5 19. BR5, PQB4 20. NN3, BQR6 21. PB3, NQ3 22. KRQ1, PB5 23. NQ4, BR5 24. BB7, QRB1 25. BxN, PxN White resigns (d).

(a) 5. QN3 or 5. PK3, 00 6. QN3 is usual.

(b) 8. BN3, PQB4 9. 00 is better. 8. BK2, BK3 9. 00, BE5 was played in Guimard-Wade, Buenos Aires, 1960.

(c) Unnecessarily giving up the



QNP, 13. NQ4 would have given playable game.

(d) Black's QBP simply matches on.

SICILIAN DEFENCE

White: R N. Gupta

Black: A K Ghosh

Played in the Inter-State Team Championship, Nagpur.

1 PK4, PQB4 2. NKB3, PQ3 3. PQ4, PxP 4. NxP, NKB3 5. NQB3, PQR3 6. BK2, PK4 7. NN3, BK2 8. BKN5, BK3 9. 00, QN2 10. PB4, RQB1 11. PE5, BB5 12. BxB, RxP 13. BxN, NxP 14. QQ3, PQN4 15. PQR4, 00! 16. PxP, PxP 17. RR6, QB1 18. R1R1, PN5! 19. RR8, QB2 20. R1R7, QN3ch 21. KR1, PxN! 22. QxR, PxP 23. RxRch KxR 24. RR8ch, BQ1 25. QB1, NxP 26. QQN1, NB7ch 27. KN1, Kk2 28. RR2, QK6! 29. PR3, NQ8ch 30

KR2, QB5ch 31. KN1, BN3ch White resigns.

8. 00, 00 9. BKN5, QN2 is the book line. In the game 9. BxN, BxB 10. NQ5 would be more promising for White. 16. NxP is not possible because of 16... QN3ch winning the Knight 18... PN5! giving up the exchange for the QNP's zigzag journey toward promotion is a neat winning move in conjunction with the threats on the other flank.

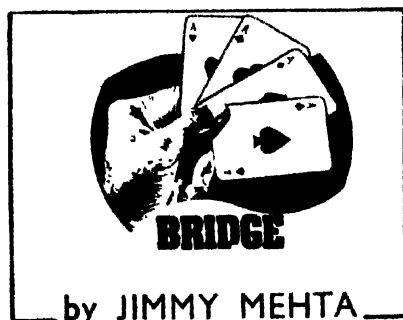
International Master Manuel Aaron and National Champion Raja Ravi Sekhar on a visit to Bombay were tested by the Giraum Chess Circle and the National Library, Bandra. Each of them took on 25 players simultaneously at these places with impressive results. Here is an interesting K and P ending won by Ravi Sekhar (White) at Bandra:

White: KKB3; P's-QR2, QN3, QB4, KN3, KR2

Black: KKB4, P's-QR3, QB4, KN4, KR4

The play was: 1. PN4ch! PxP 2. KN3, PR4 3. PQR3, KB3 4. KxP, KN3 5. PR3!, KB3 6. KB5, KB4 KR5, KB4 7. KR6, KB3 8. PR4! KB4 9. KN7, KB5 10. KN6 wins.

End game solution next week.



K Q J 6
9
Q J 9
K 10 9 8 4
(N)

8
10 5
A 7 6 5 4 3 2 (W)
7 6 2

You are in the West seat trying to defeat 4 hearts by South which has been reached after this auction.

W	N	E	S
2D (Weak)	Pass	Pass	Dbf
Pass	3NT	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	Pass	—

After this somewhat weird sequence of bidding, you lead your singleton spade which partner wins with the Ace and returns the spade 9, for you to ruff. What is your return?

Naturally you construe partner's card as a signal for diamonds. But

should you play him for the diamond King or a singleton diamond

The vital clue is in partner's defence. Had he a singleton he would not or at least should not have posed you this dilemma, but him self backed a diamond and taken a ruff before returning a spade to you. Your correct return is the underlead of your Ace of diamonds with the "7" inviting another spade ruff.

This was the lay-out

K Q J 6	
9	
Q J 9	
K 10 9 8 4	
8	A 9 7 3 2
10 5	8 6 4 3
A 7 6 5 4 3 2	K 10
7 6 2	J 5

10 5 4
A K Q J 7 2
8
A Q 3

In a practice duplicate match the winning defence was found by Mrs. Fizi Gordon and Mrs. Markus sitting West and East respectively in one room, whereas in the other room their partners Omar Shariff and Claude Delmouly reached 6H through some misunderstanding. Against "6 hearts," with little to go by, West led his Ace of diamonds.

Not dreaming his opponents were off two Aces in a slam contract, he felt his only hope lay in a diamond continuation hoping for a singleton with his partner. That

was curtains for the defence and a thoroughly undeserved swing to Shariff and Delmouly.

How was West to know? Sometimes in bridge, as in life, there is no justice.

Last week's Omar Shariff's hand: You need all the luck in the world. But the only play to give you a chance is to ruff four clubs in hand utilising your two major suit Kings and a spade ruff for entries (the spades must divide three-three) arriving at this position:

nil
nil
Q 10 8 7
nil
Q 7
nil
A 3
nil

Now exit with a spade which West must ruff with the thirteenth trump and lead back a diamond away from his knave.

This was the full hand:

K 1
K 4
Q 10 9 7 6
6 4 3 2

J 10 9 5 3 2
J 10 5 Q 6
J 9 2 K 5 4
Q 10 8 5 A K J 9 7

A Q 8 7 6
A 9 8 7 3 2
A 3
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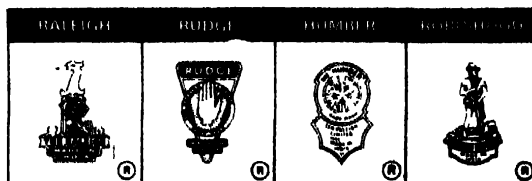
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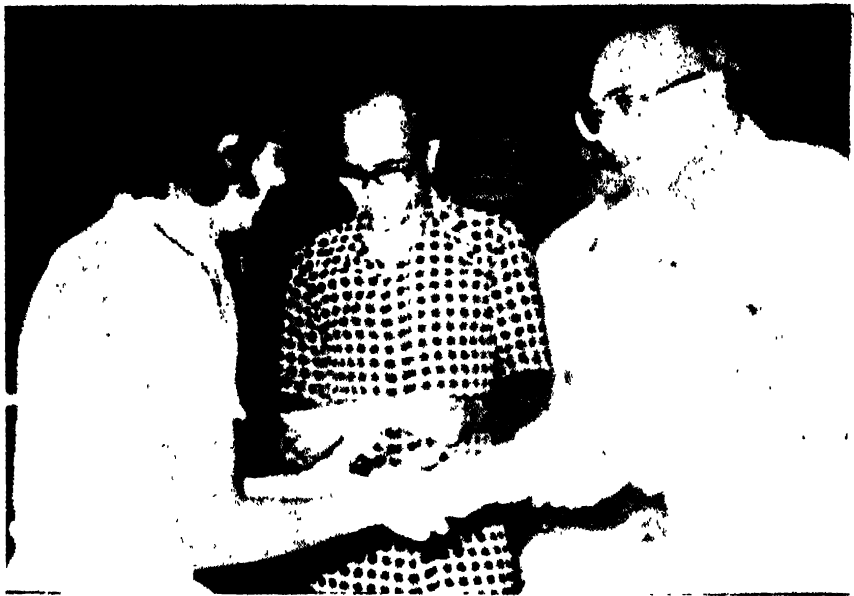
Shot in the arm for tennis

THE new club house of the Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association seems to be an attraction. On the southern end of Cooperage football ground tennis coaching has been going on for some years now under the able guidance of former Davis Cupper G. Vasant.

But it was only last year that the MSLTA was able to realise some of its many dreams. The latest, however, is the Nirlon Invitation Tennis Tournament which is restricted to players below 30 years of age. One felt that the upper age limit was a bit too high, but the competition was noteworthy because the 16 invitees were well below 25 years.

The tournament did not attract a big crowd, but certainly was a shot in the arm for the youngsters some of whom will be touring the continent from next month onwards. Nirlon Synthetic Fibre and Chemicals Ltd., who sponsored the tournament for players in Maharashtra deserve a pat on the back for their broad vision.

Their top man, Promod Jhaveri, brother of cricket-writer Vithal Jhaveri (not to be mistaken for his name-sake of Palm Beach School) who had the honour of leading Jolly Cricket Club and also playing in the company of Khandu Rangnekar on the badminton courts before taking to tennis, was visibly moved by the painstaking manner of his doubles partner Vasant and offered to run this competition. The MSLTA jumped at



Nimmish Desai receives his prize from Promod Jhaveri of Nirlon

the offer and the competition was born in the first week of May at the CCI courts.

Those playing on these courts had the major share in the competition with Nimmish Desai, the 20-year-old bespectacled senior B. Com. student from Sydenham College, hitting the jackpot. He deservedly earned a double and pocketed Rs 800. For father Ramesh Desai, the industrious lawn tennis official, it was a big day, because younger son Chetan got another

Rs. 150 for figuring in the last eight grade. Another happy father was Ghulam Ghouse whose three sons, Ilyas, Irshad and Adil, brought home a packet of Rs. 950! So between these two families they collected two third of the prize money of Rs. 2,950.

Much better fare was expected. Quality-wise the semi-finals produced the best tennis when Rajesh Batra and Raju Wallia, both CCI members, finished on the losing side of the net in the semi-finals.

Indian athletes show progress

IF the first trial-cum-assessment meet organised for the Olympic probabilities at the NIS Patiala is a pointer to the progress of the Indian athletes, then the outlook is not as gloomy as it was four years ago.

This is not to say that we have unearthed potential Olympic gold medalists. What is certain, however, is that Indian athletes will be better prepared than before to face the rigours of international competition.

Although the Indian team has yet to be announced, two athletes have already earned their berths to Montreal. Long-jumper Yohannan, who was an unlucky omission for the Munich Games, and also missed selection for the last Commonwealth Games at Christchurch, has been performing consistently well over the last two seasons, and his 8.07-metre leap in the last

Asian Games is the best performance to date by an Asian athlete.

He has begun this season with a 7.67-metre jump at the Patiala meet, and according to his coach, should improve with pre-Olympic competition. The second man, Sriram Singh is better trained and prepared this time than he was for Munich, as was suggested by his solo 1: 48.0 run in the 800 metres at Patiala.

Asian champion Bahadur Singh has gone from strength to strength in the shot put, and set a national best with 18.62 metres, while Jagraj Singh was second with 17.82 metres. Hammer thrower Raghubir Singh achieved 57.36 metres which was way behind his best last year. He and Suresh Babu (triple jump, 15.24 metres) are not quite past the conditioning stage of their training, and will improve by the time the next meet is held at the coaching camp.

Asian Games 5,000 metres gold medalist Shivnath Singh, who had his eye on the marathon last season and had to his credit a 2 hours 23 minutes effort, was tried over a 30 km road course where he outshone the leading Indian Marathon runners to finish in 1 hour 37 minutes 29.6 seconds.

His nomination for the marathon is very much on the cards. Shivnath's successor on the track, Hari Chand ran a cool 30 minutes 20 seconds 10,000 metres and is a strong contender for a place in the national team.

The NIS has requisitioned the services of Ilyas Babar to assist the coaches with the preparation of the Indian athletes and it is no secret that his presence at Patiala has done much to instil tremendous enthusiasm amongst the track men, apart from doing credit to the Institute.

—RANJIT BHATIA

Something in the style...

by PAT SARTE

SAY what you will, there is something in the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament that makes even moderately strong teams put up fairly bright displays.

Maybe, the velvety green turf which rolls out evenly makes for better play. Maybe, the atmosphere at the old venue makes for greater rapport between the spectator and the player. But the Aga Khan series over the years has unfailingly sparked increased interest in the game.

In ten days, starting from the beginning of this month, 29 matches have been decided and during this period some new talent has come up for notice and some old impressions have been confirmed.

Perhaps, the keenest battle was in the first round between Bombay's junior division side Income Tax and Maratha Light Infantry from Belgaum. The MLI have produced Olympians Laxman, Shantaram and Bandu Patil. And there was the inimitable Manna Singh.

The current lot, without pretensions to greatness, succeeded in creating a favourable impression among the spectators. They were somewhat unlucky to make their exit in the very first round but Income Tax, their opponents, were no mean performers.

There was some delightful combinative play in their forward line and even though MLI netted thrice in the last ten minutes to hold the taxmen to a 3-3 draw in the first meeting it was clear that they were



A real tussle in the State Bank-Bharat Earth Movers match with the ball locked between two sticks and a pad in BEM goalmouth

as skilful and enterprising as the Army side.

Their second meeting produced two goals which were equally shared. And the third clash resulted in a 2-1 victory for the taxmen. A good goal scored by the MLI was disallowed and that in the end helped the taxmen to prevail.

The taxmen, however, showed that they could not be trifled with when they ran into Tata next. Until a stage they were as much in the fight as the senior division players from Bombay House but a mistake by their goalkeeper opened the door wide open for a Tata victory, in which young Nazir

Khan played his part well. He was back in his familiar role as inside-forward and he proved that he was more at home in that position than at centre-forward or on the right wing.

The Maharashtra XI from Poona performed as a well-knit unit when defeating Lusitanians by three goals to nil but on the same day Sports Hostel, Lucknow, went down unexpectedly to Central Bank by a solitary goal. The Lucknow team, coached by former Olympian Jamanlal Sharma, were a neat little side but lacked punch in attack.

They knew how to take the ball well upfield but did not know how to strike effectively. It was unfortunate from the spectators' viewpoint that they made a quick exit. Central Bank, as was anticipated, went out in the next round, beaten by Central Railway.

Regiment of Artillery (Nasik), who had given a good impression in the Gold Cup, confirmed it when beating National Rayon by one goal to nil. Their centre-forward Charamanna is a resourceful player. But the team which really captured the fancy of the Gymkhana regulars was Bharat Heavy Electricals from Bhopal.

Their forward movements were classic with inside-right Sayeed initiating some very thoughtful moves. He sprayed his passes to the right-winger or the inside-forwards. Little Abbasi at centre-forward was quite tricky with his stick as he drew the ball slightly leftward and drew it back but a



Eastern Railway goalkeeper Sazanna palms away a push by BEM centre-forward Alexander

little forward as he moved away from the defenders. Ex-international Shahid Noor tried to get his team to strike back but half a dozen golden opportunities went unaccounted.

It was a tragedy that they were required to bow down to Haryana State Electricity Board, a team of hard-tryers at their very best. And HSEB, who held Mahindra 1-1 in the first clash, were ousted by a penalty-corner goal that should have been disallowed. The ball had been chopped and it rose more than shoulder high. HSEB protested after the game, while the players, in a fit of temper, threatened to walk out.

Central Reserve Police were another side to attract the hockey lovers' attention. Centre-forward Satpal Singh Mann, especially, seemed very capable when they registered a 3-1 win over strong Navy. They too were unfortunate in making their early exit, defeated by Army Services Corps (Jullundur), the Beighton and Guru Teghbahadur Gold Cup winners, by one goal to nil. The only goal was scored by the mercurial Vincent Lakra. And ASC got past Western Railway by a similar margin in the next round. Here too they were distinctly lucky with their goal-



Eastern Railway goalkeeper Sazanna about to deal with a scoop by BEM's Patha

keeper ex-international Fredericks at his best.

Bharat Earth Movers are the league champions of Bangalore but this side, coached by Olympian Rajagopal, went out to Eastern Railway by three goals to nil after a highly unconvincing first outing against State Bank. The bankmen

would not have been flattered, in fact, had they gained the day.

But the Corps of Engineers, the other side from Bangalore, lived up to their reputation, disposing of North-Eastern Railway, half of whom had represented Uttar Pradesh some time or other, by three goals to one, and Mahindra later.

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could do was to train our batsmen in facing fast bowling.

One suggestion worth trying is to practise on matting, laid on concrete wickets, which provide pace and bounce not only to the batsman but which can give just the sort of encouragement to young aspirants to keep working away, instead of turning towards the gentle and less strenuous art of spin. It may be noted that most week-end cricket in Australia is played on concrete wickets.

In this respect, the Cricket Board must also examine post-haste the magnanimous offer of the cricket-loving industrialist Dr. Bharat Ram to look after about 25 fast bowling prospects till they attain Test standard, provided they are kept under the watchful eye of a foreign coach. One may not entirely agree with the rationale behind the latter proviso but the offer, which has as its nucleus Vijay Merchant's thesis on the subject as spelt out in SPORTSWEEK, is undoubtedly well-intentioned and merits serious and immediate attention and implementation.

But no matter how hard you try, all efforts at producing and encouraging fast bowlers will be futile if our wickets are made for spinners alone. Elementary botanical principles necessitate the provision of more grass on wickets to make them fast, but alas, not so in India. At most of our grounds, the preparation of wickets is entrusted to 'malis' who are not conversant with the first principles of making a sporting wicket. What we need is a curator who knows his onions. Mansur Ali Pataudi's suggestion, in a recent issue of this publication, to import someone like Jim Fairbrother of Lord's to advise and train our groundsmen in the art of preparing wickets is a sensible one. It's time the insensate gentlemen of the Cri-Control Board woke up to reality and translated good intentions into positive action. The time for action, as we all know, is NOW.

A dream victory



The jubilant Southampton team with the English FA Cup they won with a shock 1-0 victory at Wembley over Manchester United, the odds-on favourite. Chaired high is skipper Peter Rodrigues, for whom victory crowned a career fast moving into oblivion. The team returned home to an ovation from over a lakh of people. They were driven around in an open top double-decker bus and were awarded the "Freedom of Southampton"

An approach to training

by HUBERT DHANARAJ

WHETHER it is athletic performance or general muscular work, every physical action is brought about by a certain set of muscles. It is essential that training involves the same muscle groups, and the intensity is sufficient to elicit strength and endurance.

During training, these muscle groups and the muscular system as a whole need an adequate supply of protein. There is no scientific evidence that extra amounts of protein in excess of the normal requirements in the form of meat or tablets would facilitate additional muscular development.

Anyone who performs an activity like running at top speed for 20 seconds or so requires a type of energy that is different from what is seen in less vigorous activities. His body needs Anaerobic (without oxygen) power which depends on high energy phosphate compounds.

The training schedule may consist of maximal effort for about 1 minute followed by rest for about five minutes, and this is repeated three or four times. It is reasonable to expect that after such an effort the muscles will be exposed to a high lactic acid con-

centration, and the whole experience will be painful. To follow such a system, one has to be very highly motivated besides being reasonably fit. The usefulness of Anaerobic training, however, cannot be questioned.

An athlete training for Anaerobic performance may also choose another route. He can adopt the Aerobic (with oxygen; working at a sub-maximal level for a longer time) way of training and attain-

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the same level of achievement. Nevertheless, the intensity of training must be high.

As the training progresses, Anaerobic training must be introduced at regular intervals. About a month prior to the competition, it is necessary to apply the Anaerobic method more frequently. This approach is based on the scientific evidence that for Anaerobic performance, one need not train Anaerobically all the time.

Turning to Aerobic training, the major concern is the development of the oxygen—transport system

to be able to deliver oxygen to the working muscles and tissues. It is not necessary to exercise at a maximal level. At the same time, it becomes ineffective if the intensity is too low. A recommended level is 80% of the maximum.

To understand and apply this, the heart rate response to exercise can be used. If the maximum heart rate (the highest rate produced by maximal physical effort) is 200 (200 beats per minute), the recommended level is 160. For all practical purposes, a reasonable range of 150-170 may be considered acceptable.

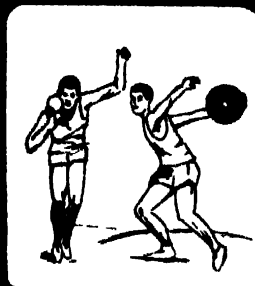
While numerous methods of Aerobic training are in practice today, the one that has been found to be very effective is the alternation of high intensity and low intensity work. One should work with large muscle groups for three to four minutes at the 80% level and engage in light physical activity (like walking and simple calisthenics) for an equal length of time. This should be repeated several times depending on the objective of the training and ambitions of the athlete. At the time of termination, he should be tired, not necessarily exhausted.

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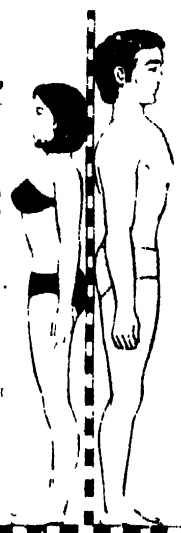
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Big Two hold the colourless Crook

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Top: Crook Town's McMor-die tries to check Mohun Bagan's Akbar in the opening game of their tour

Crook Town AFC, a British soccer team, drew both its matches against Mohun Bagan and East Bengal. The side, without Bobby Charlton and Terry Paine, two England stars of yesteryear, looked colourless and the game on neither day rose to any great heights. The score on both days was identical (1-1) with the visitors putting up a better performance on the second day against East Bengal. Seen above are the visitors with team mascot Aninda, son of Dr. Arun Banerjee, Crook Town medical officer



Subhankar Sanyal of East Bengal scores the first goal of the second game. Crook Town, however, equalised and held the glamour team to a draw

Dempo fourth time lucky

LEADERS CLUB, Jullundur, without four of their regular key-men, Parminder, Satinder, Sham Kumar and Gurkhirpal, did extremely well in preventing the Bandodkar Gold Cup football final from becoming an all-Goa affair for the third consecutive year. But, having been robbed of the services of two more regulars, Charan Singh and Surinder Mohan through illness, they could not prevent a local team — Dempo — from winning ultimately.

Dempo, who were making their fourth appearance in the final met with their first success through a hat-trick by Francis D'Souza. They however, had their anxious moments before assuring themselves of a win this time, as depleted Leaders also had a good share of exchanges. But the mistakes committed by left-back Amarjeet Singh in Leaders' defence eased Dempo's task.

Leaders saw their goal fall in the very first minute of play when following a defensive lapse by Amarjeet, unmarked Francis D'Souza placed the ball into the net. Dempo skipper Nanda Gaad made a hash of two sitters midway through the first half which belonged to them. Rosario, Nicholas and Socorro worked out a strong defence for Dempo and allowed little room for their rival forwards to have a close look at the goal. Nevertheless, Kultar Singh had two gilt-edged opportunities to score. Leaders had more of the play in the second session but their finishing was atrocious.

For the losers, the best perform-

ance came from Harjinder Singh, who was unanimously declared as the man of the tournament. Right-out Paramjeet Singh, who normally plays as a right-back and left-out Sunil Kumar also gave a good account of themselves. Kulbhushan Singh played well in defence. For Dempo, William and Armando Colaco were outstanding in the forward line, with Herbert catching the eye in the midfield. Eugenio Cardoz showed a safe pair of hands under the bar. The final was witnessed by a crowd in the vicinity of 15,000 with about 2,000 fans failing to gain admission despite possessing the tickets.

Dempo made their fourth entry into the final of this tournament at the expense of the league champions Salgaocar, who tarnished their own image, when after sensing a defeat they refused to play on the pretext of bad light. This happened in the second leg semi with two minutes to go for the final whistle and Dempo leading 3-2 on the aggregate. Referee J. P. Coutinho rightly turned down their appeal as the light was good enough.

Dempo secured a 2-0 lead after the first leg but the score was not a true reflection of Dempo's total dominance. In the second-leg, however, Salgaocar were clearly the superior side and Dempo were lucky to survive.

Leaders stormed into the final with a resounding 4-1 second leg victory over Sesa Goa who were lucky to escape with a goalless draw in the first leg. The second leg had its moments of rough play



Leaders' goalkeeper leaps and makes a good save in the final

compelling referee Coutinho to give marching orders to three players.

Leaders contested the second leg without the services of their outstanding forward Harjinder, who was nursing a knee injury. But Tarseem Singh who substituted for him gave a good account and also made the issue safe for them by increasing their lead to 3-1 with a sudden long-range shot. Sunil Kumar was speedy and thrustful on the left flank and scored two magnificent goals. Surbjeet Singh netted the fourth goal off a corner kick. Sesa's lone goal was scored by Samsher Khan.

The most disappointing display from a local team came from the crowd pullers and the last year's champions Vasco Sports Club. Vasco's weakness in defence was fully exploited by both Sesa and Salgaocar who clobbered them and if at all Punjab Police failed to do likewise it was mainly because of their poor finishing. Tall and hefty left-back Vishwas Gaonkar was the only defender who strived hard while the others, particularly skipper Bharatan, failed miserably.

The Goans are wondering why the leading Bombay outfits continue to ignore Goa's premier tournament. It is well-known that the gates for the Rovers Cup in recent years depend much on the leading Goan teams. The G.F.A. must strike a deal with the WIFA in this context — the sooner, the better.

—AJIT MOYE



Dempo skipper Nanda Gaad receives the Dayanand Bandodkar Trophy from Vijayadevi Rane, wife of Labour Minister Pratapsingh Rane

MAIL BAG

More Busybee, please

SAMUEL BUTLER once wrote, "A little levity will save many a good heavy thing from sinking." I am sorry to say that quite a few of your readers don't realise the potential of what Butler called 'levity'. Their constant complaints against Busybee reveals their lack of humour. This only goes to confirm my belief that Indians cannot take a joke especially when they are the butts. If your holier-than-thou readers do not appreciate Busybee's sense of humour, nobody is forcing them to read his column. They can just turn to the next page. But let those of us who enjoy Busybee not be deprived of his humour.

— Navroz Seervai (Bombay).

THE first thing I read in SPORTSWEEK every week is the column by Busybee. He's such a fine writer I can't understand why some of your readers are so merciless in their criticism of him. They should forget about his "targets" and simply enjoy the magic of his writing.

—A. R. Mundhada (Amravati).

IT must be appreciated that Busybee writes his column in good spirit and humour and he must be misunderstood. I am one of his most ardent readers, but I don't take him as seriously as some of your other readers apparently do.

—Siddarth Aga (Delhi).

Why a 'Pawar-cut'?

AFTER reading the list of those selected for Montreal, I was surprised to find that the name of Shivaji Pawar is missing. I have read nothing that would indicate any reasons for his non-inclusion. Even the article by Maj-Gen. E. D'Souza ("A Selector's View") makes no mention of this talented player. Why?

—Sharad Joglekar (Pune).

Insurance needed

INJURIES are fast becoming an accepted off-shoot of Test cricket. The last Test at Kingston showed that Indians are as susceptible (if not more so) to casualties as anyone else. In this context, special note must be taken of the possibility of injury to the fingers of our great spin quartet. The least the Board can do is to insure their gifted fingers. The recently-formed Players' Association should also look into this aspect — and of course, I trust that SPORTSWEEK which has espoused the cause of sport and sportsmen will take it up with the concerned authorities.

—Ashoke Roy (Calcutta).

Haywire predictions

AN astroanalysis of the fourth Test between India and West Indies, employing amazingly accurate science of stellar KP Astrology, has revealed the outcome of the crucial Test. Analysing the Horary Horoscope and the planetary stellar disposition over Kingston, I predict that India is destined to record yet another magnificent victory over the West Indies in the Kingston Test. The coin too will favour the lucky Bedi. A first innings lead for India; pressurised behaviour of the West Indians; dominance of Indian spin-charmers; injuries and sprains not overruled; showers possible—these are some of the side predictions.

— Vishnu N. J. (Varanasi).

(The above letter was received before the fourth Test. We decided to withhold publication until after the Test. Further comment is superfluous—Ed).

Superb World of Cricket

YOUR "World of Cricket" is a simply fantastic issue. The photographs are very appealing. I liked the article on the 99 Club. The mag is really one of the best I have come across.

— Suresh P. Vanjani (Nagpur).

CONGRATS for a superb 'World of Cricket' issue. Every one of the articles is thoroughly enjoyable. The colour pages and the cover are very attractive.

— Charu and Jayshree Mehta (Jaipur).

The first 'World of Cricket' had so much interesting reading material that it took me over ten days to finish it. Tony Lewis' "The Bumper Question" was a most thought-provoking article.

—G. R. Oza (Jamshedpur).

A 'powerful' argument

A PROPOS the article, "Powerlifters Assert a Right," I would like to draw the attention of your readers to the fact that powerlifts are part and parcel of weightlifting and controlled by the Indian Weightlifting Federation and by the state weightlifting associations in 15 states. Many state associations have been conducting power lifting competitions for many years now. In Maharashtra, it has been done since 1950 thanks to the patronage of men like K. P. Kuka and A. K. Banerjee.

In your issue dated 12 October 1975, you have published a report on the Greater Bombay Championships where the results, when compared to what prevailed at Calcutta at the last 'National' powerlifting, speak for themselves.

Weight	Mah. record	Calcutta 'National'
Light	490 kg	452.5 kg
Middle	497.5 kg	487.5 kg
Lt. Heavy	500 kg	475 kg
Mid. Heavy	522.5 kg	380 kg
Heavy	540 kg	457.5 kg

These figures prove the unrepresentative nature of the so-called 'National' Powerlifting championships at Calcutta. If, as is claimed, the IPF 'national' lifters are so close to places IV, V and VI in the world, then our Maharashtra lifters would be nos. II and III.

Now that the Indian Weightlifting Federation has decided to run a National Powerlifting contest, let the conscientious officials of the IPF come and join the IWF instead of dissipating their energies elsewhere.

—T. V. Harihar (Bombay).

Indo-Pak cricket — dream come true?

SIX islands—Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana, Leeward and Windward — make up one single strong West Indian side. If, similarly, the two neighbours, India and Pakistan could combine to play international cricket as one team, they'd be world-beaters. In my opinion, the team would be: B. S. Bedi (capt.), Intikhab Alam (vice-capt.), S. M. Gavaskar, Majid Khan, Zahir Abbas, G. R. Viswanath, Mustaq Mohammed, Mohinder Amarnath, Wasim Bari (wkt-keeper), Sarfraz Nawaz, E. A. S. Prasanna, 12th: E. D. Solkar. Will the presidents of the two Boards, R. P. Mehra and A. H. Kardar do something to make this dream come true?

—Jagdish Chandra Pathak (Agra).



by RAILBIRD

WHETHER it is motivated by personal animosity or a sincere belief in the unsuitability of a candidate the use of the black ball is an effective means of denying entry to an institution or an individual. Generally this is a personal matter between an individual and an institution but a situation has arisen where a state government will have to consider its ethical implications.

A government nominated official of the Bangalore Turf Club who is also an elected official of another race club recently sought club membership of the BIC but his application was rejected as he was reportedly blackballed. Can the Karnataka government nominate him despite this disability?

This is a question which is exercising the minds of those who are now contemplating the Bangalore Summer Meeting the first of the 30 days of which will be held

BTC limits the field

on Saturday, May 15. They will not have to wait long for an answer. While the outcome is in doubt it is certain that whatever the government decides it will be a subject of agitated debate and acrimonious dissension for months to come.

In fact, the meeting which will be more avidly followed than any other race programme in the history of the country because of the extension of the betting tie up with Bombay and Pune to include Madras, Calcutta and Mysore, is riddled with controversy.

The BIC have reduced the inflow of outstation horses by restricting entry of Class V B races to only those animals who were wintered in Bangalore, by debaring Class V A animals who did not finish in the frame in their last four runs at their parent centre and by confining Wednesday races for maiden three year olds to Bangalore Winter horses. One school of thought supports the official contention that in doing so the BIC was solely motivated by the lack of a sufficiency of stable accommodation and that they have indirectly ensured that there will be more runners in Ooty and during the Calcutta Monsoon and the Poona Meetings. The militant feel that the lack of stalls has been artificially created and is a convenient peg on which to hang a scheme whereby horses

who have been wintered in Bangalore will have greater opportunities and as this practice is certain to be followed in future trainers will be induced to keep back more animals for the next winter programme.

Fifty-two trainers have over 1,000 horses in their care and there is no doubt that over 800 will race during the 30 days. There will be racing every Saturday and Sunday till August 1 and in addition there will be racing on May 19, June 2, 9 and 23 and July 7 and 14 all of which are Wednesdays. During that period every class of animal will be raced for stake valued at Rs. 33,25,900 which includes the value of trophies.

The Bangalore Derby which is the richest race in the land will be run on July 18. The Ladies Trial is scheduled for June 13. The Colts Trial for June 20. The Maharaja's Gold Cup for July 4 and the Governor's Cup for August 1.

The trainer with the large string are D. M. Hill (46), M. B. Mangalokar (45), R. R. Byramp (40), Minor I. Fowne (38), J. Tyrrell (39), C. Chandra Sekaran (33), B. P. Shyam (31) and Aziz Mahmood (52). All will have their quota of winners but the indications are that Byramp the Bombay champion will not hide the lot.

EVERY TIME a great sports personality retires newspapers write long pieces on him recalling his many achievements and records. However I find nobody has written anything on Dara Singh, the world freestyle wrestling champion who announced his retirement a few days ago.

The following is my tribute to him. Dara Singh was the greatest champion in the world and he fought all his challengers, first with their masks on and then without their masks. Among his opponents were Butcher Bill and Klondyke King and Red Scorpion and the Viking and King Kong and the Phantom and Captain Marvel and Superman.

On very few occasions he was defeated. And when he was defeated in some bout there was always a return fight when millions of his supporters would turn up to see him, and this time he would invariably win.

During the wrestling season, he would defend his title three times a week. On Wednesdays he would defend it in Calcutta on Fridays in Delhi and Saturdays in Bombay. And when he



by BUSYBEE

was not defending his title, his brother Randhwa, was defending his title for him.

Unlike in boxing most of the fights were not arranged by managers in their offices. They were arranged in the wrestling arena itself. The challenger would push his way into the ring and demand a fight. He would ask the crowd if he deserved a fight and the crowd would roar its approval. Then Dara Singh would agree and the very next week fight him. Except on such occasions when he would ask him first to fight his brother.

And he fought in whatever manner and under whatever conditions his opponents or his promoters required. Six rounds with

a referee fight to finish without a referee, no holds barred. He was a gentleman fighter. Most of the other wrestler cheated. They pulled his hair and twisted his ears and poked his eyes and hit him below the belt but he fought clean. And that is why the crowd liked him and paid so much money week after week to see him fight.

And when he was injured it was announced in posters pasted all over the city that Dara Singh was injured and was in grave danger. And there were photographs of him being taken in an ambulance. And the best part of it all was that he would recover within a week and be back in the ring to defeat this same wrestler who had injured him.

He was not like other wrestlers in the sense that he did not eat 20 chickens a day and drink 40 scoops of milk. He was very normal and he looked very normal with his grey hair and a slightly bulging waistline.

In private life he was, and continues to be, a film star. And in films also he has never yet been defeated in a fight. But then films are very much like freestyle wrestling.

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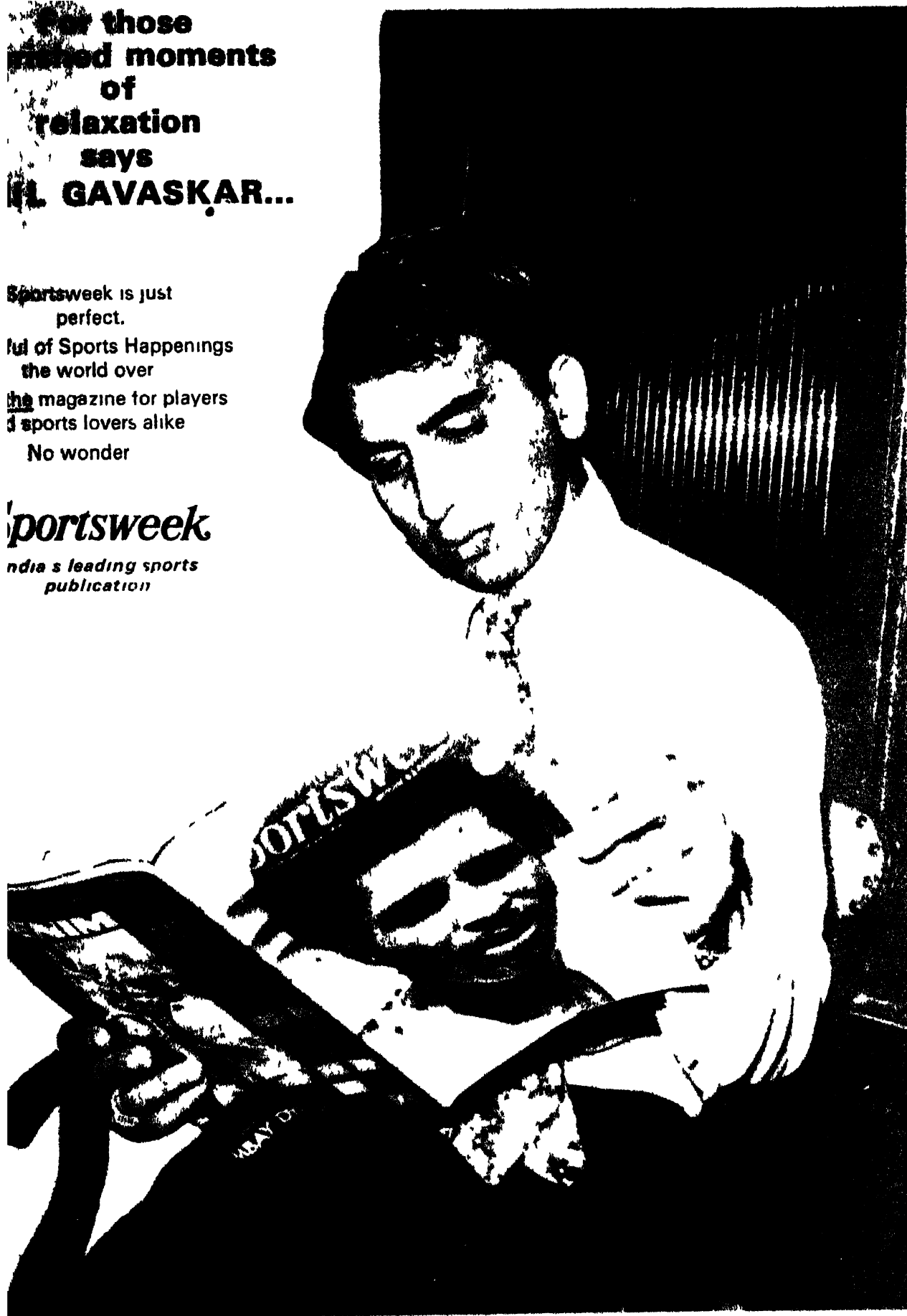
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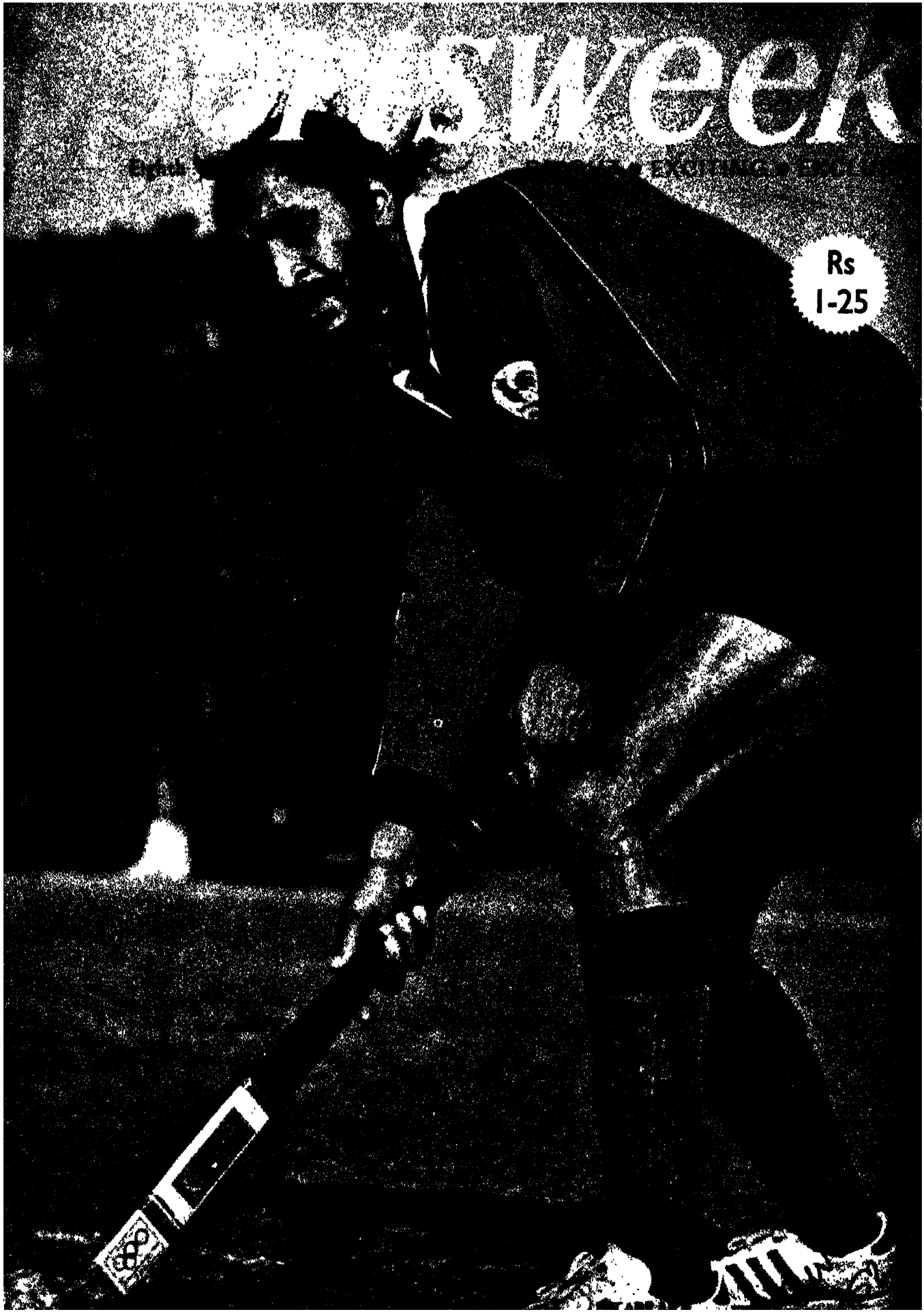
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SHARAD KOTNIS :

IOA should not bow to threats

THE Indian Olympic Association has done well
to announce that the Indian contingent for the
Montreal Olympic Games will be small, consisting
of twenty to thirty participants. This would include
some athletes and shooters apart from the 16-mem-
ber hockey squad which has already been selected.
The IOA has also announced that the selection
would be based solely on qualifying standards and
potential.

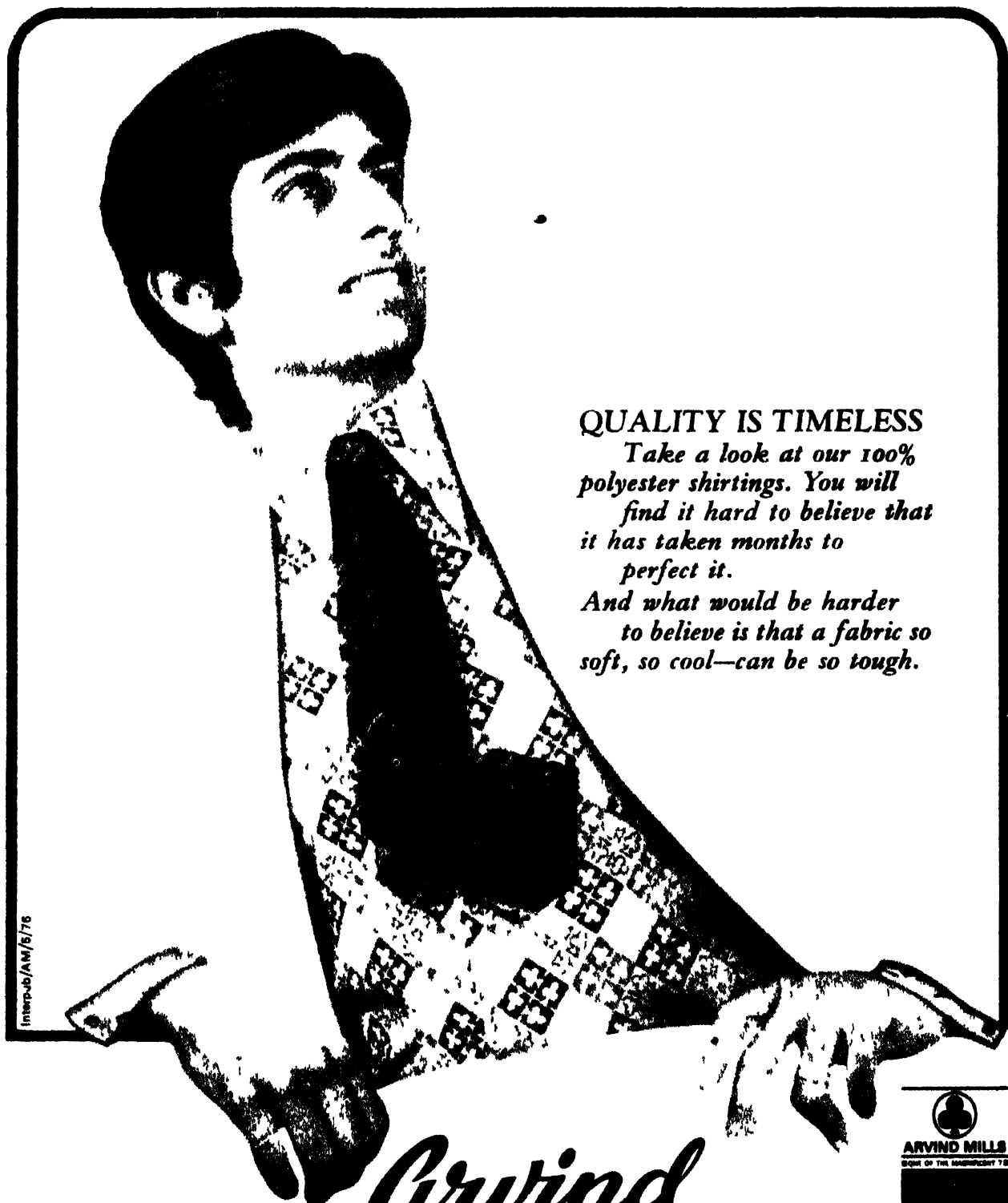
The IOA announcement must have come as a
rude shock to quite a few National sports federa-
tions who had hoped to jump on the Olympics band-
wagon like in previous years. Their hopes have been
frustrated due to the strong stand taken by the
government in this respect, which forced the IOA to
select only those who qualify and come near the
high standards set for the Games. The small size of
the contingent also means there will be fewer offi-
cials — who have been ever-eager to accompany a
team going abroad in the past.

The next few days will of course see some
hectic and feverish behind-the-scenes haggling in
Delhi from those who have been left out. The
Wrestling Federation of India and the Indian Ama-
teur Boxing Federation are making all-out efforts
to add their men to the contingent, according to
reports. The secretary of the IABF has stated that
he hoped to convince the authorities about sending
some boxers on the strength of their past perfor-
mances and current form. It is hoped that the gov-
ernment and the IOA will stick to their stand and
will not give in to these entreaties.

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FOOTBALL is the game of the masses. More so
in Kerala and the southern States where half
a dozen tournaments, attracting the best teams of
the country, are played every year during April and
May. The game brings in plenty of money to the
organisers. This was proved during the National
tournament at Calicut in January last when the gate
collections reached astronomical proportions.

But the organisers of these All-India tourna-
ment seem to take the cash customers for granted.
Important matches are 'fixed' and are decided only
after three or four replays. Extra-time is not played
nor is the tie-breaker rule applied to solve the
deadlock and this goes on till the organisers have
filled their coffers. Another ruse is to start a key
match late so that it has to be abandoned due to
failing light and a replay becomes necessary.

This indicates that the organisers are only out
to make money. They care little for the promotion
of the game. It is time the Kerala Football Associa-
tion as well as the All India Football Federation
stepped in to stop these malpractices. There's cer-
tainly a limit to the patience of soccer-crazy millions
which can reach explosion point very quickly.



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Walcott — man to lift Windies morale

by JOHN THICKNESSE

THIS week the cricket season moves into its second phase with the announcement of the MCC team to play the West Indians at Lord's, an important match that is followed at once by the Test trial at Bristol and shortly afterwards by the Trent Bridge Test.

It is probably because the West Indians came to England a fortnight later than is customary with touring teams that gives the impression of a shortened build-up to the Tests. It is certainly hard to make oneself realise that three weeks from now the series will be in its second day.

For once, I'm inclined to believe that a good performance in the first Test is even more important for the visiting side than it is for England, encouraging though it

would be for Tony Greig's team if last year's progress against Australia were rewarded by an early win.

But English cricket is resilient enough at the moment, because of such things as sponsorship and increased memberships, to sustain a setback. Is West Indian cricket? After their performance in Australia it is not easy to be confident about it.

Clive Lloyd and his team were coolly received when they got back to the Caribbean and they didn't go up much in public esteem by having such trouble beating a weak Indian team to whom they conceded, on the way, the highest score ever made to win a Test — 406 for 4 (two of them run out) on a worn pitch in Trinidad.

The effect on the West Indian cricketers was embarrassingly obvious, so I'm told, to neutrals who saw them in Australia. They virtually stopped trying; while their captain, who is among the most popular men in first class cricket, was sadly exposed as a poor leader of a losing team.

It is on the cards that, with that experience fresh in memory, their morale might again collapse if they lost at Trent Bridge, which could deprive both their own followers and England's of a lot of fun this summer. And TCCB of a lot of money!

If such a danger exists, it has undoubtedly been lessened by Clyde Walcott's appointment as manager. Apart from being a commanding man physically, he has obvious strength of character and the advantage of having "done it all" himself.

He is the only cricketer, for instance, to have scored two separate hundreds in a Test twice in the course of a single series (amazingly Australia still won 3-0!) which guarantees him the respect of a team who apparently set great store by their professionalism. Lloyd's men will be anxious to stay with the right side of him in a way that wasn't always noticeable with the management Down Under.

Nevertheless, it must have hurt



the pride of all West Indians. Walcott is sympathetic to what happened in Australia: a quarter of a century earlier he had found out at first hand what it felt like to be a member of a famous team that crashed to great fast bowling.

The West Indian side of 1951-52 possessed the most powerful batting order in the world, with Stollmeyer and Rae to open, the three W's in the middle order and ballast in the shape of Marshall, Gomez and Goddard.

Yet in five Tests against the bouncers of Lindwall and Miller they passed 300 only once, losing the series 4-1. As Walcott said: "We had never played against bowlers of that type before. Also — like last winter's side — we never adapted to Australian pitches, which, even in those days, were faster and bouncier than the ones at home."

Walcott purports not to be worried by another factor that contributed to the recent 5-1 beating — sheer battle fatigue (most of Lloyd's side have been playing cricket without a proper break since 1970, with a lot of travelling thrown in).

"They'll actually be playing less than if they were playing with their English counties," Walcott commented. "But tiredness isn't such a problem in England anyway, because of the cooler weather and softer grounds."

"We're going to treat all the players on merit to bring them into readiness for the Tests physically and mentally. Obviously, we hope to win; but equally I'd like to see the image of the West Indies side improved so as to rekindle enthusiasm in the Caribbean."

It will need all Walcott's qualities of leadership to time the build-up right, especially in the cases of key players like Lloyd, Murray and Roberts, who are plainly overcricketed.

Exit Boyce

THE dropping of Keith Boyce from the West Indies team presently touring England has given rise to much speculation. Several reasons have been given for the non-inclusion of a cricketer whom many consider one of the most talented West Indian allrounders. John Woodcock, writing in *The Times*, London, threw some light on the behind-the-scenes story:

"On the penultimate day of the Melbourne Test between Australia and West Indies last February, the way in which Boyce was out, after making 95 not out in the first innings, for 69 in the second innings, was a fair commentary on the state of the West Indian party."

"Lloyd, captain and Boyce's partner at that time, signalled to Boyce, who had just had a couple of wild swings, to put his head down and play properly. Boyce's response was to take one swipe, wilder than ever at the next ball. One thought at that moment that either Lloyd or Boyce would have to go after that."

Two tons . . . then a draw

by PAT GIBSON

THE message from the Oval last week could not have been clearer if it had been daubed all over the famous gasometer in letters six feet high. John Edrich rules, O.K.

He was England's top run-maker against Australia last summer. Now he is already sure of his place in this year's joust against the West Indies after taking 118 off them in their opening first-class match of the tour.

Surrey's captain, will be 39 next month. But his concentration, determination and appetite for batting were as keen as ever as he moved to the 95th century of his 20-year career.

Andy Roberts, the tourists' fast

bowling spearhead, and his latest apprentice, Wayne Daniel, were firing the first shots of a campaign that they clearly believe will be won by speed on an experimental pitch with a shade more pace than is usual at the Oval.

Yet Edrich and his young partner, Alan Butcher, another stocky left-hander, met the challenge with such confidence that the first wicket produced 176 runs in only 155 minutes.

And after the eager, aggressive Butcher, a 6 and nine 4's in his career best 83, had gone, Edrich calmly completed a chanceless 100 out of 202 in three and a half hours.

The speed men did not even have the satisfaction of getting the breakthrough.

Butcher, a 23-year-old whose strength off the back foot probably lies in the fact that he played his early cricket in Australia, missed an attempted drive against the medium-paced Larry Gomes and lost his off bail.

Edrich, who scored just one run while Butcher was making 38 in the first 55 minutes but industriously closed the gap in the afternoon, fell to the left-arm spin of Roy Fredericks, an unconsidered part of the tourists' attack but one which could have an important job to do if the weather stays dry.

So, in a day that began 50 minutes late, because of rain, Surrey reached a creditable 303 for five.

And the fearsome fast men? Roberts had none for 46 from 16 overs, Daniel one for 49 from 17.

On the second day the West Indies captain hit back. Not for nothing do they call him Super Cat. When Clive Lloyd is roused, he bats with a jungle savagery that defies anyone to bowl at him with any sort of ambition.

He was roused at the Oval. A West Indian slump to 32 for three against Surrey's second string attack produced such a furious reprisal that little over three hours later he was declaring at 316 for five with a personal score of 152 not out.

The huge West Indies captain with the sledge-hammer bat clubbed two 6's, nineteen 4's, and so inspired his young partner, Middlesex allrounder Larry Gomes, that they put on 204 in 155 minutes for the fifth wicket.

Until they came together — a strange pair with the slight figure of Gomes contrasting with the bulk of his skipper—the tourists were putting together an action replay of all the inexplicable lapses that let them down in Australia last winter.

Roy Fredericks, Lawrence Rowe and Alvin Kallicharran managed just 18 runs between them, the left-handers appearing to underestimate the pace of Surrey's strapping 22-year-old Ray Baker.

Viv Richards, too, paid the penalty for over-confidence. He is perhaps the most improved batsman in the world today, and looked it, demonstrating his awesome power off the back foot with eight 4's in 46.

Yet when he and Lloyd had added 62 in nine overs, he snapped so greedily at a half-volley from



John Edrich . . . very much in command

Alan Butcher that he drove over the top of it and was bowled.

So it was 94 for four when Gomes joined Lloyd, and at last brought a measure of responsibility befitting a touring side with the first Test only three weeks away.

Lloyd offered one chance at 40—a fierce return catch which Intikhab Alam knocked up but failed to hold at the second attempt—and spent 92 minutes over his first 50.

But then he cut loose with ferocious drives, pulls, hooks, and two effortless 6's off successive balls from Baker that were flicked over the Ladbroke's tent at long-on as though he was swatting a troublesome fly.

He made 60 in the first hour after lunch, his second 50 took 42 minutes and his third 65 minutes.

But by then he was giving Gomes his head and the 22-year-old left-hander from Trinidad suddenly blossomed from almost self-conscious concentration on survival into a burst of superbly timed stroke-play in which he was actually outscoring Lloyd.

The captain himself led the applause for one rippling off-drive against Intikhab as Gomes hit 14 boundaries on his way to 85.

Gomes had offered ample evidence to support the selectors' decision to prefer him to Keith Boyce for this tour.

After the fireworks of the first two days the match petered out to a tame draw Surrey all out for 252 in the second innings set the tourists a target of 240 in 160 minutes and they cantered to 97 for three at stumps.



Clive Lloyd . . . savagery aroused again

The Close passion still burns

BRIAN CLOSE hurls down his bat in the captain's room at Hove (Sussex), mumbles an incantation against John Barclay, and then says: "After 28 years in this game, I still get the old urge to kick myself."

Barclay, an Old Etonian whose offbreak bowling for Sussex last season claimed wickets only at the murderous cost of 66 runs each, had just intruded into Close's life with a long hop.

Close had scored 59 faultless runs, and couldn't control the urge to "smash it through the covers."

He explains: "But it caught the bottom of my bat and dragged on to the wicket. That's the third century I've missed out on this season. Now I'm going to tell these Somerset lads about the silly mistakes you have to avoid."

At 45, Close remains the intense, turbulent character whose career as teenager prodigy, thrusting and controversial skipper of Yorkshire, Somerset and England, has always carried a fierce passion undiluted by superb triumphs and the odd bleak failure.

In his benefit year, the prospect of retirement from the battle is as remote as ever.

He sat alone here in the captain's room, analysing each ball, measuring the shifting conditions as the morning rain turned to bright sun-shine.

When his young batsman Peter Denning goes off to hospital for repairs to an injured arm, he goes out and turns the course of the game firmly in the favour of his young side.

Close's ambition remains the same as when he started. "If I have failed sometimes in an individual sense it may be because I've involved myself too much in the course of a team's development. I've always taken the captain's role very seriously and one of the greatest satisfactions of my life was to see someone like the young Geoff Boycott, who might have been discarded, coming to me time and again for advice.

"I can't say when I'll go, but perhaps the right time would be when this young Somerset team is winning things. Maintaining yourself as a figure in sport is about keeping your nerve and being able to make the right decisions. I think my nerve could hold on at least until Somerset have won a few things."

— JAMES LAWTON

Montreal in the red

THE Montreal Olympics are going to cost 1400 million dollars to stage, leaving taxpayers with a huge deficit of 995 million dollars.

And taxpayers from both Montreal and the state of Quebec, will be footing the bill until at least 1983.

Despite help from a special tax on Quebec smokers and gamblers, Montreal itself will have to pay 200 million dollars of the deficit.

The hopes of Mayor Jean

for the Games ends and when, he hopes, the \$800,000,000 share of the deficit assumed by Quebec will have been wiped out.

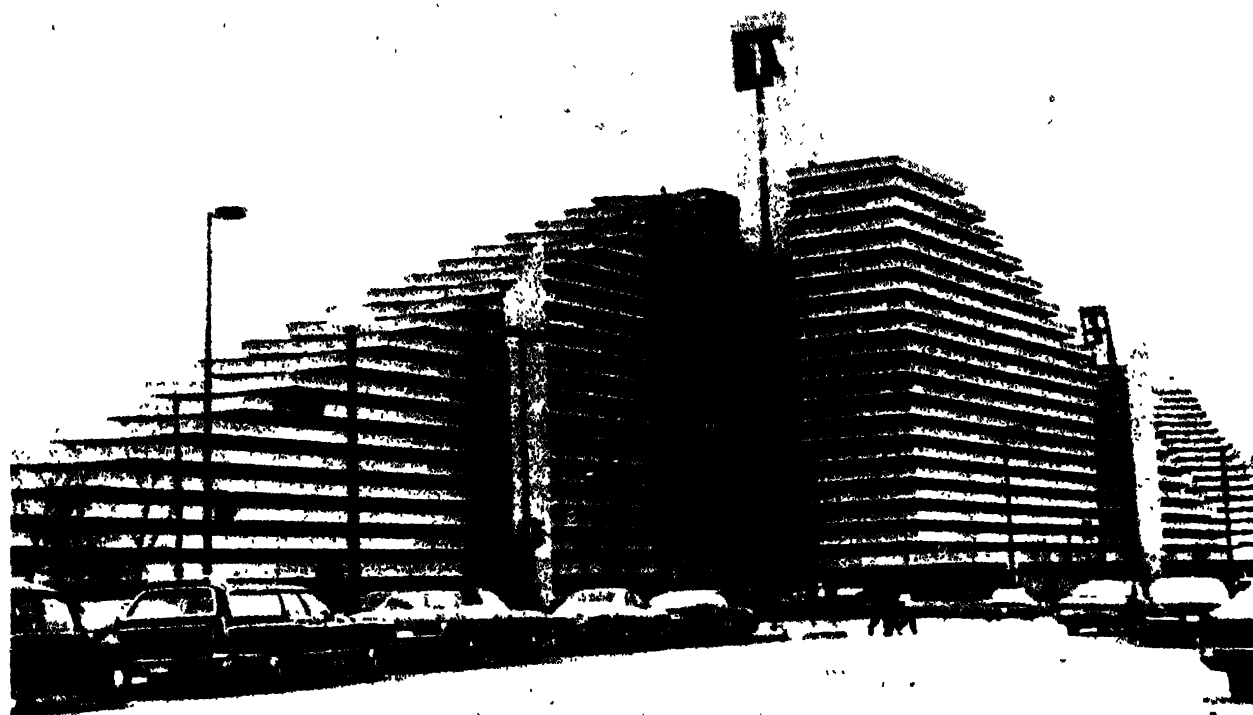
The budget showed the estimated Olympic costs are 1400 million dollars. The revenue from the Olympic lottery up to the end of this year, from coin sales and other sources will leave a deficit of 995 million dollars.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom, the provincial minister in charge

sal of 134 workers last week for alleged slow work and acts of sabotage. Seventy plumbers were dismissed and the rest were electricians.

Workers alleged to be endangering the successful completion of the main Olympic stadium on time by staging go-slows and committing sabotage were served a court injunction.

A superior court judge granted the injunction on the grounds that the holding of the Games, due to open in



A view of the Montreal Olympic Village which is still under construction. A new way of life will be introduced here and the women will be allowed to visit the men—ending a traditional Olympic taboo

Drapeau that the city was going to be bailed out of its huge debt by the provincial government in Quebec were firmly quashed by provincial finance minister, Raymond Garneau, when he presented his budget in the Quebec parliament.

He said: "The sports facilities will benefit Montreal most of all. They must help the cost."

As a concession he doubled the provincial tax on cigarettes and tobacco to produce \$98,000,000 additional revenue a year until 1983, when the province's responsibility

of the Games since Quebec took over responsibility from Montreal in January, predicted earlier this week that this deficit could rise to \$100 million dollars.

In an editorial comment on the budget, the Montreal Gazette said: "Mayor Drapeau's dream of staging an Olympic Games spectacular that would somehow pay for itself was officially and unequivocally exposed as a myth in the harsh realities of the budget."

Officials in charge of construction may bring in other contractors after the dismissal

Montreal on July 17, were "in grave danger." The injunction was sought by the Olympic Installation Board (OBI).

Despite all this, tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies have been sold out, according to Jerry Savard, director of ticket sales. Tickets for the athletics and swimming finals and other glamour events, such as gymnastics were also completely sold.

Of the original 4.7 million tickets on offer, there were now only about two million left unsold.



On to the field of 'battle' . . . the Police move in to restore order during the final between Premier Tyres and Mafatlal

JUGGLERY of fixtures is the spectacle of the football scene in Kerala this season. The Kerala Football Association, soon after the Calicut Nationals, sanctioned a maximum of seven all-India tournaments for the season, though the KFA Shield tourney allotted to Kottayam did not come off. And the other six had their own going, out-manoeuvring even the umpteen unrecognised seven-a-side tournaments.

The ninth annual Nehru Football Tournament, revived after three years, and inaugurated by a person no less than KFA president T. O. Abdulla proved to be the main draw. The tournament, staged under floodlights, at the Cochin Maharaja's College Stadium had only 16 entries, and though it commenced last, it concluded first. The committee, for the first time managed to have a preliminary round league, before closing the chapter with another league-cum-knock out final round.

Premier Tyres, a combination of State stars, and holders of three trophies, were rolled out of the competition in the preliminary

Former Olympian Moin hands over the Russel Mujib Trophy to Stadium Sports Club's skipper after the mini at Calicut



A soccer 'LP'

rounds, when South-Eastern Railway, Calcutta, beat them in the group, and qualified. But when Mohammedan Sporting cried off an SOS was sent to Premier Tyres and they celebrated this piece of luck by knocking SER out of the running. They went on to dictate terms against Durand winners BSF and Bombay league champions Mafatlal to head the table. Premier and Mafatlal thus sailed into the semis. JCT Mills, Phagwara, and Cochin Customs were the qualifiers from the other final pool for the semi-final berth, ousting Century Rayons, Bombay, and Trivandrum Eleven.

Mafatlal disposed off Cochin Customs with an aggregate of two goals to nil, winning both the matches in identical margin. The other semi-final between Premier Tyres and JCT, made its way into the record books as the double-leg semi was conducted not twice or thrice, but four times, the organising committee, not daring to have a tie-breaker, without another gate collection.

And at length on a day when soccer was at its dirtiest, with players freely slapping each other

as if in a freestyle bout, and the game being held up for half an hour in between, came the result. Premier 2, JCT nil. And the local heroes went to their first final here.

Of course the final between Premier and Mafatlal didn't conclude on the first day. It was a goalless draw. And after a day's rest the teams commenced their battle, and three goals were scored within the very first ten minutes of the game, Premier having a slight advantage of a 2-1 lead. The second half was hardly five minutes old, when goalkeeper Sethumadhavan of Premier and winger Subramaniam of Mafatlal clashed, and soon we had another free-for-all.

It was only after the entry of the police on to the ground, that the fighting was called off. Referee Sahasranamam gave marching orders to two, but Premier declined to play the match without their international goalkeeper. The game was held up. It was only after the persuasion of the committee, that Premier continued the game, after a full 25 minutes. Both the teams played one short after that and the scoreboard remained unchanged.

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TO OUR READERS . . .

DUE to the astronomical increase in the price of newsprint and other production costs, the management deeply regrets that it is forced to increase the price of SPORTSWEEK by 25% from the issue dated 23 May, 1976. SPORTSWEEK's price will now be Rs. 1.25 instead of Re. 1 per copy.

The annual subscription will be Rs. 65. Subscribers, who are already registered on our records at old rates will, of course, continue to get the copies till their subscriptions expire.

From here and there



Bayern Muenchen won the European Cup football final in Glasgow recently, beating St Etienne 1-0. The goal was scored by Franz Roth. Jubilant Bayern players Uli Hoernes (left) and Jonny Hansen do a victory lap.

INDIA have withdrawn from the women's World Cup hockey tournament to be held in West Berlin from May 22 to 30. The Indians, who finished fourth behind West Germany at the last tournament, pulled out because of financial reasons.

Nigeria's participation is now also doubtful and it is possible that only ten teams will compete in this year's World Cup instead of the planned 12.

BRITAIN won the World Amateur Squash Rackets Team Championship in Birmingham when they defeated holders Australia 2-1. Needing to win only one of the three matches to clinch the title, Britain took the crown when third-string Jonathan Leslie beat Leo Keppell in five games in the opening match. Leslie won a match which lasted two hours with some powerful stamina-sapping play. The score in his favour was 3-9, 9-4, 8-10, 9-3, 9-6. India finished seventh in the championships.

Final Placings: 1. Britain, 2. Australia, 3. Pakistan, 4. Egypt, 5. New Zealand, 6. Sweden, 7. India, 8. Canada, 9. United States, 10. Kuwait.

PAKISTAN announced that it will send a 28-member contingent, spearheaded by its hockey team for the Montreal Olympic Games in July. The contingent comprised a 16-member hockey squad, two wrestlers, two weightlifters, one boxer and seven officials.

THE Punjab education department has launched an ambitious Rs. 60-lakh "play-and-learn" scheme in the state.

About 800 selected boys and girls will be admitted to the newly-opened sports wings in various educational institutions in the state and the sports college at Jullundur. Apart from curriculum, these boys and girls will be given specialised training in various disciplines of sports. The selected boys and girls will be exempted from tuition fee and provided free boarding and lodging. The department has already covered all the schools in the state under its programme of compulsory sports for an hour after the school timings.

VASILY ALEXEYEV, of the Soviet Union, set a world weightlifting record for the total lift in the super-heavyweight class at the Soviet Championships in Kharaganda recently.



Volleyball international Jimmy George (left) and inter-varsity athletic champion K. M. Celine with the Manorama awards for Kerala's Best Sportsman and Sports-woman of the Year. These awards were presented in Kottayam recently.

ANOTHER sportswoman has been removed from our midst. Ailing for sometime, Miss Laxmi Merchant battled in vain against death and finally breathed her last last week.

Younger sister of the celebrated cricketer Vijay Merchant and aunt of India's former table tennis captain, Sudhir Thackersey, Laxmiben, as she was affectionately called, was among the few players who took over the arduous task of organisation after her playing days.

Whether as a player or a secretary of a tournament committee, the 62-year-old picture of modesty endeared herself to all those who came into contact with her.

In the fifties she strode the tennis courts in her sari. A triple crown winner—she had won the Bombay State Championships beating collegian Anjani Diwan and won the paired events with G. Vasant and Laura Woodbridge—Laxmiben had impressive records on the badminton courts too.

However, more than her performances on the courts it was the manner in which she dealt with players, officials and the press while in charge of the Khatau Cup tournament or the Bombay Tennis Club that will linger in the minds of many.

— RIP

CHINA's WANG TAN surpassed the Asian Games record mark with a throw of 52.22 metres in the women's discus at the Philippines National Athletics Meet in Cagayan De Oro City recently. She passed the mark set by her fellow countrywoman Kao Yu-Kuei, who threw 51.84 metres at the 1974 Asian Games in Tehran.

TIPS TO YOUNG CRICKETERS—20

EVERY cricketer must learn to read the wicket on which he plays, and to adjust his performance accordingly. For as long as he plays cricket, however, this study of wicket behaviour will puzzle him. The most knowledgeable of all cricket followers will admit they cannot always judge how that small area, eight feet eight inches wide and 22 yards long will behave.

Pitches change overnight. A strip that was fast and lively early in the season can be dead and slow by the end of it. Grass diseases, rain, drought, water supply, the groundsman's use of a certain fertiliser in preference to another, and many other considerations can drastically alter the character of a pitch.

Most Australian boys do not learn the game on turf wickets. They start on concrete, matting, malthoid, rolled ant-beds or even asphalt and graduate to turf wickets as their cricket improves. This is probably one of the reasons why Australia produces so many good stroke players, for surfaces such as concrete seldom produce unexpected bounces and a boy can go for his shots knowing the ball will not do anything unpredictable. With the exception of of matting wickets when facing the new ball, they are splendid surfaces to bat on.

I have often noticed that fast bowlers bowl very short on matting wickets and with the new ball get considerable bounce. These same fast bowlers usually bowl too short when confronted with a turf wicket.

In the week before the match,

carefully study each day's weather. It can have a big bearing on the state of the wicket. Get to the ground at least 45 minutes before play begins so that you will have time to go out and study the wicket. It is essential for the captain to do this, of course, but I believe that every man in the team should do it. A wise scheme is for experienced team members to pool their reactions to the wicket. It will greatly assist a captain to have these opinions to match against his own views on the wicket.

Before a ball is bowled a good team will know how their fast bowler is likely to fare, whether their slow bowlers will turn the ball early on. The captain will have made mental notes on the bowlers likely to be most hostile, should he field first. Experienced batsmen will know in advance how they probably will have to play; whether it is to be the front foot stuff or mostly off the back foot. They will be aware if the wicket looks slow and suitable for spin that they will have to watch the opposition's good off-spinner.

Wet wickets are fairly easy to bat on as conditions strongly favour the batsmen. The bowler is unable to get a good grip on the slippery ball which comes very slowly off the pitch. The field is so damp the ball gets very wet with every ball bowled, compelling the bowler to dry it. No amount of sawdust or wiping the ball with a handkerchief or towel can prevent the ball becoming thoroughly sodden. The correct tactics for a batsman in these conditions is to attack while the bowler is at a disadvantage.

Sticky wickets occur very rarely

these days as wickets are covered against rain once the first ball is bowled. On a true sticky, the ball behaves erratically as the moisture in the pitch dries out. One ball will pop head high, the next skid through low and batsmen have to be very lucky to survive long.

On sticky wickets the bowler's strategy should be to keep the ball well up so that the batsman is forced to play at every ball. Sooner or later one will skid through at ankle height or bounce high and force him to mistime his stroke.

Fast bowlers must not bowl short on slow wickets. Bowl to a good length and at the stumps. On fast wickets, the pace bowler's delight, make sure you do not over-pitch the ball. On seaming wickets (found mainly in England) bowl just short of a length at the stumps and endeavour to cut or seam the ball enough. On sticky and wet wickets, keep the ball well up and don't try to bowl too fast—let the wicket work its tricks for you.

Slow bowlers must never bowl short on slow wickets — keep the ball well up and try to make the batsmen come forward to drive. On fast wickets, remember that you will not spin as much. Accuracy has to be your stand-by and you should bowl slightly shorter than on slow wickets.

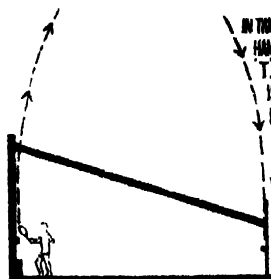
On seaming wickets, bowl just as you would on fast wickets. On wet or sticky wickets, a slow bowler's joy, never try to spin the ball too much, but concentrate on keeping the ball well up.

— Jim Burke in Cricket,
the Australian Way
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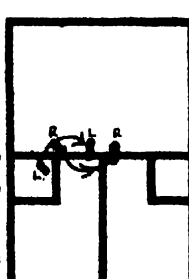
LEARN TO PLAY SQUASH — 13

Words by Britain's senior
national coach, Tony Swift.
Techniques by Bryan Patterson

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DRAWINGS BY B. CHRISTENSEN

Footwork on service

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Therefore, by standing as near to the front wall as the rules allow, the better the lob service will be.

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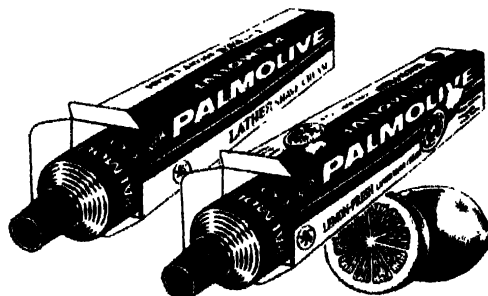
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BSF claim Tippu Sultan cup



Harsaran Singh, BSF skipper (left) and Miss Latha, Indian gym captain, receive their trophies from A. Fazalbhoj

concerned in a triple tie. Indian Gymkhana were declared the winners of the Prof. Rukaya Dossal Cup for having the best points difference. Good Counsel were the runners-up. Nandini Basrur scored 18 points for the Gymkhana while Shobha Prabhu and Seetalakshmi got 10 points each for Good Counsel.

—JAVED AKHTAR

BORDER SECURITY FORCE, Jullundur, claimed the Tippu Sultan Gold Cup basketball title when they defeated Bengal Engineering Group, Roorkee 82-79 at the Peer Khan Street municipal playground in Bombay, recently.

The tournament lacked much of its usual glamour on account of the non-participation of Western Railway. To add to the misery of the organisers, two outstation teams, South-Central Railway and U.P. Police cried off at the last minute. Consequently, they were forced to run the tournament on a round robin basis in which B.S.F. were joined by B.E.G. and four local teams, Indian Gymkhana, N. N. House, Good Counsel and Central Railway.

As expected, all the other matches of the league were one-sided — two exceptions being the encounters of N. N. House, the hosts, with Indian Gymkhana and Good Counsel. Indian Gymkhana repeated their Ramu Memorial victory over Nagpada. Only this time it was more convincing—by 17 points. N. N. House put it across Good Counsel in a fast-paced match by 79 points to 74. The two giant teams B.S.F. and B.E.G. did not exert themselves much while chalking up easy victories over the local outfits. They saved their energy and stamina for the final showdown.

The B.S.F.-B.E.G. match on the last day was well-contested. The two teams were on level terms at the lemon time — the scoreboard reading 37-all. Barring the last few minutes, the second half completely belonged to B.E.G. or rather to their marksman, skipper Hari Dutt. He was in great shooting form, rarely missing the hoop. Sometimes he shot from as far as 30 feet. Such accuracy has not been seen for a long time. He re-

ceived very valuable support from his Services teammate Om Prakash. Between them they shared 70 of the 79 points scored by B.E.G. Hari Dutt contributed 43 points while Om Prakash's share was 27 points.

B.S.F. were a better balanced team. They controlled the pace of the game well. Shamlal and Zorawar scored some fine baskets while Harsaran kept a close eye on Om Prakash. A few minutes before the end Om Prakash had to leave with five personal fouls. With his exit, B.E.G.'s hopes were dashed to the ground. They squandered their nine-point lead and finally lost 79-82. For B.S.F., Shamlal (18), Zorawar (16) and A. Kumar (15) played well.

In the women's section, Indian Gymkhana beat Good Counsel 41-34 in the final league match. These two teams and Income-Tax were



Baldev Singh will take the place of deep defender Michael Kindo in India's Olympic hockey squad. Kindo had to drop out as the injury to his toe did not respond to any treatment. Baldev had been nominated as stand-by by the selectors. Kindo will certainly be missed in the deep defence

ALL IN THE GAME!



"Don't look now, but we're just ran out of river."

Can Steele do it again?



David Steele . . . can he blunt the pace of Roberts and Holding as he did Lillee and Thomson?

AFTER Wembley . . . Lord's. From Jim Steele of Southampton to David Steele of Northampton.

Shades of those fine, old days when, on the first Sunday after Cup Final, we used to deflate the football and put up the stumps. That was the strict, sporting calendar.

Not any more. Football drags on and on, while the cricketers of England stride into a brand new summer with barely a flicker of salute from the spotlight.

For one cricketer, however, the glare is constant with burning-glass intensity. David Steele set himself such towering standards last summer that within every pavilion, bar and dressing-room the question is being asked: "Can he possibly do it again?"

Do what? Under the summer sun, Steele became the great British hero with a marvellous performance of bravery and calmness in the face of those hell-for-leather fast bowlers of Australia, Jeff Thomson and Dennis Lillee.

England recruited him at the age of 33 when everyone Steele included, thought of him as just another, reliable county player. With his wiry, grey hair, spectacles and quite Midlands manners, he did not look the part.

But he reeled off scores of 50, 45, 73, 92, 39, and 66 to top the Test match averages with 60.83. The Lord's Taverners, Wisden, newspapers, magazines, and clubs all made him their cricketer of the year.

A local butcher, who had promised him a lamb chop for every run he scored up to 50 and a steak for every one thereafter, duly delivered 365 chops and 315 steaks to store in the freezer in his garage, along with the Staffordshire oat-cakes which, Steele says, remind him of his upbringing.

If he had accepted all the invitations that came his way, he could have dined out virtually every night of the winter.

Most evenings he preferred to be at home in his Kettering bungalow with his wife and 15-month-old son.

Steele's introduction in the second Test — England had been badly mauled in the first — was dramatic. They were 10 for one on the opening day. It was one of those graphic "England expects . . ." situations.

"I got lost in the pavilion on the way to the middle, running down one flight of stairs too many. Anyway, I am sure I just floated to the middle. Heaven knows what I was thinking about," he told me over breakfast at a hotel near Lord's.

England's eyes were on him as this unlikely, squat figure walked out to face the hostilities. And so were Australia's. For Steele was suddenly brought to attention by the greeting from "Terror Thommo."

"Hell they've sent in Groucho Marx," said Thomson in a loud voice with that unmistakable Aussie drawl. "Hello Groucho."

Steele said nothing, tugged at the peak of his new England cap and

settled down to face the bruising, shorting, threatening attack.

"Once I got my first run I knew I was going to be all right. I was in good nick. I felt confident. No problems," he recalled.

I recalled, too, three majestic hook shots off short pitched balls from Lillee. His cutting was equally firm and effective. And while wickets fell at the other end—until England captain Tony Greig became his solid partner in a rescue stand—Steele put his body in line and played forward straight and true.

by JAMES MOSSOP

For the rest of the series the Aussies had no answer to the unflappable Englishman in the baggy trousers. With more like him England might have regained the Ashes.

This summer, England face the West Indies, whose whirl-wind bowlers, especially Michael Holding, have already stirred the cricketing world with their fast, intimidating bouncers.

And so the question recurs. Was Steele just a one season wonder?

"Who knows?" he says. "All I can do is keep trying. Last season everything happened for me. It was wonderful. All I aim to do is get behind the ball and play my cricket. If I fail it won't be for the want of trying.

"It's a funny business. People put you up on a pinnacle. After three or four good knocks you are hailed as the new Messiah of the game. I have never looked for that. I have said nothing, although I know that the same people who put me up there will be the first to knock me down.

"Scoring runs, taking the backchat, facing the bouncers are all part of the game. Cricket is the hardest game of the lot. It is also the one I enjoy most of all. But I would not enjoy anyone getting killed by it."

Such dramatic talk from a man who is distinctly matter-of-fact about all things, and whose courage has never been in question, underlines the cricketers' concern for the head-high fast delivery.

"People can bowl as fast as they like," said Steele. "That doesn't bother me. Nor do the knocks and bruises that go with it. But I am not happy about some of the things that go on. When you get bowlers coming round the wicket and bowling at the body then that

STATISTICIANS CORNER

by B. B. MAMA

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v New Zealand	3	5	—	178	64	35.60	—	1	—	—	395	3	147	5	29.40	—	—	4-63
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v West Indies	2	3	—	29	21	9.66	—	—	1	—								
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Test career record



Geoff Boycott . . . is wanted back by the England skipper

BOYCOTT?

by PAT GIBSON

TONY GREIG wants Geoff Boycott back in the England team. And good luck to him.

The speculation has started again because Greig says that if he remains captain he wants Boycott in his side against the West Indies. That's not surprising. Greig wants to win—and he's not too fussy about how he does it.

Boycott, of course, is the best opening batsman in England. He was the only Englishman in the top six of the averages last season with 73.65 from 1,915 runs. And he has proved his class in 63 Tests.

But that is not the point. What individual has the right to step in and out of the England team any time he feels like it.

I do not believe he has. And if you want just one reason consider how unfair it would be if his recall was at the expense of John Edrich, Dennis Amis or Barry Wood or any of the others who have exposed themselves to the thunderbolts of Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson.

And don't forget what happens after the West Indies series. England go to India and Sri Lanka, a little excursion from which Boycott was quick to excuse himself last time.

No, I am not in favour of a Bring Back Boycott campaign — much as I admire his ability as a batsman and his unstinted efforts as captain in the bid to make Yorkshire strong again.

No doubt if Greig convinced him that he's wanted — and that is what he has always wanted to be — Boycott might just tell the selectors he is ready to rejoin the fight.

But such a climbdown could be the only possible starting point for the deliberations of chairman Alec Bedser and his co-selectors Sir Len Hutton, Charlie Elliot, and Ken Barrington.

And if it got that far they would be risking a deep split in the cricketer ranks as soon as they contemplated putting him back in the team.

Easy Roberts

WEST INDIES attacking spearhead Andy Roberts plans a patient build-up to peak power in time for the first Test in June.

Too much high-pressure cricket, the Prudential World Cup, three-way county commitments, and the winter tour of Australia followed by two more Tests against India, brought the Hampshire fast bowler close to exhaustion.

Finally he was rested from the final two Tests, allowing his junior partner Michael Holding to come into his own.

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becomes dangerous and intimidating. It should be watched.

"Maybe we will have to start wearing head protectors. If everyone else did, then I would, but don't expect me to be the first."

Only 10 days ago, Steele saw the kind of blow a cricket ball can inflict. In Northants' match at Old Trafford, Lancashire batsman David Lloyd went to hook a short ball from Bob Cottam. It was not a particularly fierce delivery. In fact Lloyd was too quick on the shot and the ball struck his face.

For fully five minutes he lay on the turf making not a flicker of movement. He was in hospital for 24 hours and suffered headaches for days. It could have been so much worse. . . .

Still, that was far from David Steele's mind as he left me for an early morning "net" before resuming his overnight innings, which he carried from 31 not out to 139, against Middlesex. I had watched him at the nets the morning before; a study in concentration.

Spikes of rain sent everyone for shelter. Everyone except Steele and a bowler. He stayed until he was satisfied.

"That is just typical of his professionalism. Last man at the nets," said opening batsman Geoff Cook of the man whose powers of application are becoming legendary in the game.

Steele says he concentrated so hard all last summer that he was thoroughly whacked by the last match of the season in September. He fell asleep in the dressing room at Edgbaston, mentally shattered, and was unwilling to lift a bat again until he went on a tour of South Africa in January.

And now? "I am scoring well but I am not satisfied. I am not yet in perfect nick. I will know when everything is right mentally and physically," he said.

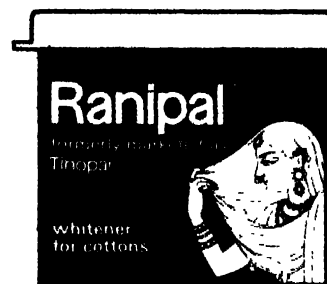
The West Indies bowlers may know around the same time. The message will be written into their bowling figures.

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It is not unusual for a touring pro to escape from the pressure and routine of the 330-day tennis season for weeks or even months at a time.

For the vast majority of competing players, planned "r and r" (rest and recreation) breaks can never come too soon. Spot vacations from the tournament grind afford pooped-out players a chance to loosen up their tensions and relearn the pleasures of being almost care free.

I say "almost" carefree with a good reason. While a good many pros find themselves knocked out of a tournament within the first three of four days of play and consequently get a free weekend here and there, the seeded players that always seem to squeeze into the quarter or semis spend their off-days in airports and hotel lobbies.

As almost everyone knows, pro athletes today are making more and more of their incomes outside and endorsing all kinds of products, potions, resorts and training camps. And it's no secret that these deals are extended mainly to the top performers in the sport—the name players.

So when leading pros like Arthur Ashe, Margaret Court and Rod Laver take a respite from the international circuit they can usually be found running in and out of large department stores, instructing at one of their summer camps or mixing business with pleasure at a large resort or seaside tennis village.

Still again, there's a group of pros, both men and women who prefer to spend the better part of their free time enjoying traditional and not-so-traditional vacation pastimes.

Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, the Grand Prix champion, has a simple and enviable formula for relaxation — he takes half of the year off. Following the final Grand Prix event in mid-December up until late spring Guillermo retreats

Mending body & soul

to his village of Mar del Plata where, among other things, he plays soccer and writes poetry in the long Argentinian summer.

When Ion Tiriac of Rumania gets tired of hulking around the circuit terrorising linesmen, eating glass and befriending young ladies, he heads back to Bucharest to tool around with his garage of Lancia racing machines and Moto Guzzi touring cycles.

Vijay Amritraj of India, who has made countless friends for himself and his country the world over, will take time off after the winter season to do a film with my close friend Paul Anka. I hope his movie career lasts longer than my whirl as a singer!

The most unusual vacation I've heard of lately was Harold Solomon's choice to pass up Wimbledon last summer in favour of spending a few days in the sun and sand back in the states.

While "sun and sand" to most of us means sunshine and beaches, it takes on a whole different meaning to Solly. To him, clay is sand and clay, as if you didn't know, is the surface on which he pulverises his opponents. Actually, I think he must have torn himself away from his clay courts long enough for some genuine relaxation — I hope so, anyway.

So the next time that you lose sight of your favourite player for a few days or weeks in the sports pages, just figure that he or she is mending body and soul in Honolulu, the local department store or anywhere in between.



Guillermo Vilas ... takes half the year off and writes poetry



by HOSEY MISTRY

1. In which sports is the following equipment used? a) Brassie, b) long horse and c) kayak.
2. Where were the following Olympic Games held? a) 1900, b) 1912 and c) 1948.
3. Who donated the original World Cup soccer trophy?
4. Which game is played with 22 coloured balls?
5. When were the Inter-State Badminton Championships first held?

6. In which sport might you come across 'the Ranji glance'?
7. With which sports are the following trophies associated? a) Beighton Cup, b) Vizzy Trophy and c) Kamla Ramanujam Cup
8. Are greyhound races ever run on a straight course?
9. To how many Olympic Games has India sent a boxing team?
10. How many medals have India won in the Olympic Games?

ANSWERS

1. a) Golf, b) gymnastics and c) canoeing. 2. a) Paris, b) Stockholm and c) London. 3. M. Jules Rimet of France. 4. Snooker. 5. During the 1944-45 season. 6. Cricket. 7. a) Hockey, b) cricket and c) table tennis. 8. No. 9. Three. 1948, 1952 and 1972. 10. Eleven. 7 gold, silver and 2 bronze in hockey, and 1 bronze in freestyle wrestling.



Martina Navratilova

HAVING just come off court Chris Evert sank into an easy chair. Minute specks of perspiration dotted her beautifully-moulded face. Despite the intense heat, she still had the poise and confidence of a mature woman — not of a 21-year-old who had left school at 16 to become a tennis star.

She has charm too, and I thought what a change from the demure, pokerfaced girl from Fort Lauderdale (Florida), who first came to Wimbledon in 1972, and was regarded with some suspicion by the British public, always wary of prodigies.

Chris smiled at me showing some surprise at seeing a lone British tennis writer so far from home. For we were at a seaside resort on the Gulf of Mexico and it was hot, humid and sticky.

"While I can still lose matches I see no reason to stop playing. The challenge is still there. It's when winning ceases to be important to me that I'll quit," said Chris, 1974 Wimbledon champion, current U.S. titleholder, and twice winner of the French and Italian championships.

Well, Chris is still beatable. So far this year she has lost four matches, all on the Virginia Slims circuit, that U.S. tour with the now famous motto: "You've Come A Long Way, Baby."

The strong and bouncy Czech girl, Martina Navratilova was the first to beat her, in Houston. Then the Australian, Dianne Fromholtz, put her out in the first round at Boston. Both girls are left-handers.

Evonne Goolagong (Mrs. Cawley) stopped a run of eight successive defeats by beating her twice, including the final of the prestigious Slims Championship, the last event of the tour, in Los Angeles. And once, in San Francisco Chris was taken to 6-7, 7-6, 7-6 by the young American, Marita

Martina poses a threat to the big two by ROY McKELVIE

Redondo, who had to qualify to get into the circuit.

Evonne's wins, especially, show that the lovable Australian possesses the will and determination not to surrender to the world's No. 1, who has amassed a fortune and yet still lives with her family and does not even own a car.

Chris' defeats also mean that Wimbledon this summer will not be a one-filly race. Indeed, Evonne may well be named as top seed, the official favourite.

"Do you realise," said Chris. "I've never beaten Evonne on grass. And she doesn't get intimidated by me any more."

It was at Wimbledon in 1972 that these two played one of the finest singles seen for years. Chris led by a set and 3-0. Evonne won. That memory still lingers. "I'm never certain of beating her until the last shot is played," said Chris, momentarily looking serious.



Evonne Goolagong



Chris Evert

Are there any other fillies with a chance in the Wimbledon race? Is there anyone who can cause a surprise?

Certainly there is now far greater strength in depth among the women than there was. The Slims circuit, with its stern competitiveness, has pushed a lot of girls up the ladder—and some of the older ones down it.

Britain's Sue Barker, just 21, has impressed the Americans this year. She beat Virginia Wade in the Los Angeles tournament, in which she came fifth by beating Marita Redondo. Only Evonne, Chris, Martina and Rosie Casals were above her. Virginia was seventh.

Sue has a chance of making her mark in Europe this season as the majority of top girls, including Virginia, are staying in the U.S. until just before Wimbledon, playing World Team Tennis.

But the big threat to Chris and Evonne must come from the flamboyant and sturdy Martina Navratilova, who last year left Czechoslovakia to live in the States.

Martina, last year, was the only girl to beat Chris Evert twice. This year she has done it once. She is a powerful player who when hot, can hit anyone off court.

But she is not a quick mover. She thunders rather than streaks. But, as Martina admitted to me, she likes ice cream and dislikes grass courts. "There are too many bad bounces. One lucky bounce can make all the difference."

When I suggested that, perhaps, Wimbledon was not on her ambition list, she looked at me scornfully and said: "Tell me who doesn't want to win there? Wimbledon IS the one to win."

Davis Cup—end in sight ?

by SUBROTO
SIRKAR

CHILE have done the 1976 Davis Cup championship a good turn by eliminating South Africa — as they did last year — in the American Zone final at Santiago in April. As a result, this year's competition can proceed without the fear of possible disruption; but it appears the 1977 Davis Cup tournament is faced with a definite split over the South African issue.

Early in the 1976 competition, fleet-footed Raul Ramirez engineered a repeat of Mexico's 1975 triumph over the USA (this time spearheaded by Jimmy Connors) in the north section of the American Zone. But the section final was not played. The Mexican government had originally agreed to let a possible Mexico-South Africa contest take place outside their country, with the Mexican team being regarded as a private organisation.

But after the USA had been defeated, the Mexican government changed its stand saying the new United Nations resolutions prevented Mexico from participating in the tie. So South Africa walked over to the zonal play-off where they met Chile, the south section winners.

Last year—after India had defaulted against South Africa in the 1974 final, and both Mexico and Colombia had withdrawn from the 1975 competition—the Davis Cup Nations meeting in London decided, in the face of a management committee recommendation that nations defaulting for political reasons be suspended for two years, that countries be allowed to withdraw, without penalty, before the 1976 tournament began.

Now the president of the United States Tennis Association, Stan Malless, has confirmed the announcement made by his country's representative on the DC's management committee, chairman Harcourt Woods, that the USA will pull out of the competition if the London session of the Davis Cup Nations in July did not expel Mexico.

The executive committee of the International Lawn Tennis Federation, which met at Palma de Mallorca (Spain) in April, has recommended that the DC Nations suspend Mexico for a year. But a 75% majority is required to throw out any nation, and considering the composition of the Davis Cup Nations—there were 57 entries in the '76 tourney—the motion to remove Mexico may not succeed.

If it does, however, Mexican tennis federation president Miguel

Osuna believes at least ten other nations would withdraw in protest, and has cited confirmations received from the Soviet Union and East European countries.

The nations session will also vote on a counter-proposal sponsored by Czechoslovakia, the USSR and Mexico that South Africa be expelled. Incidentally, the ILTF (whose annual general meeting is to be in Monte Carlo on July 7) do not officially have anything to do with the running of the DC competition, and in the main body—because of the graded system of voting rights — regular Soviet proposals for the expulsion of South Africa have been well lost.

In 1964 Poland became the first nation to withdraw from a Davis Cup (European Zone) encounter versus South Africa. Romania did so in 1968, a year before they first reached the Challenge Round. In 1969, Poland again and Czechoslovakia defaulted against South Africa.

A DC Nations meeting in London in March 1970 empowered—an US proposal—its management committee "to refuse the challenge of any nation in any zone, or where such a challenge has been accepted, to refuse the further participation of such nation in the competition if, in its opinion, participation of the said nation may result in the competition being endangered." South Africa were removed from the competition, but were re-admitted after three years, since when they have played in the American Zone.

Not firm

India's position in the matter has never been firm. In 1967 India played South Africa at a neutral venue (losing 0-5 at Barcelona) and in 1974 the final default was on government advice. The consensus in the All India Lawn Tennis Association was that India should play the final and — as Ramanathan Krishnan hinted in Bombay just after the semi-final win over the USSR at Pune—overtures were made to secure governmental permission.

But the Indian government maintained its stand — unlike the AILTA, who in May '75 adopted a resolution that they would quit the Davis Cup if South Africa's entry for 1976 was accepted, but later

ignored it when sanctions against nations withdrawing on political grounds were announced.

The ILTF recently rejected a United Nations call for expulsion of Rhodesia and South Africa, and president Derek Hardwick said, "we are an apolitical organisation and they, not belonging to our organisation, have no right to interfere in our decision."

It is true all nations defaulting against South Africa in the Davis Cup have done so on government advice, and hence on political grounds. But the South African question itself is political in nature and as Arthur Ashe once said: "Politics and sport are as inextricably interwoven as any two issues can be."

Ashe, however, had criticised the Indian government's decision — "how can they object to lack of freedom of choice for Blacks in South Africa when they are denying freedom of choice to their own players" — and set down clearly what the AILTA should, of their own accord, accept as a guideline: "Nations entering the Davis Cup competition all know before the competition starts which countries are competing. If there is some nation entered that another nation would not play if they met them, they have two choices: 1) Attempt to disqualify them via the rules before the competition starts; or (2) Don't play. Once you enter, you accept the rules."

The players' union, the Association of Tennis Professionals, apparently support the ILTF executive's stand. They maintain that "tennis and tennis players are apolitical." Writing this in a leader in the ATP newsletter, International Tennis Weekly, editor Bob Briner has announced the Nations Cup meet is being withdrawn from Kingston this year because the Jamaica government would not agree to accept any and all players who qualify for the event ... "to blame a group of tennis players for the policies of their country is the height of absurdity."

The AILTA cannot but be aware of the trends among Davis Cup nations. Bearing in mind that the government stand regarding South Africa is definite, the association must adopt a policy accordingly, and stick to it. It is also pertinent to note that India are scheduled to make their debut in the women's Federation Cup event at Philadelphia this August. What would happen if the country were drawn against South Africa in the first round?



Bjorn Borg of Sweden won the WCT title for 1976 beating Guillermo Vilas at Dallas in the play-off recently. The man who collected the most points from the series was Arthur Ashe (left) who won the 24-carat gold ball for the second successive year

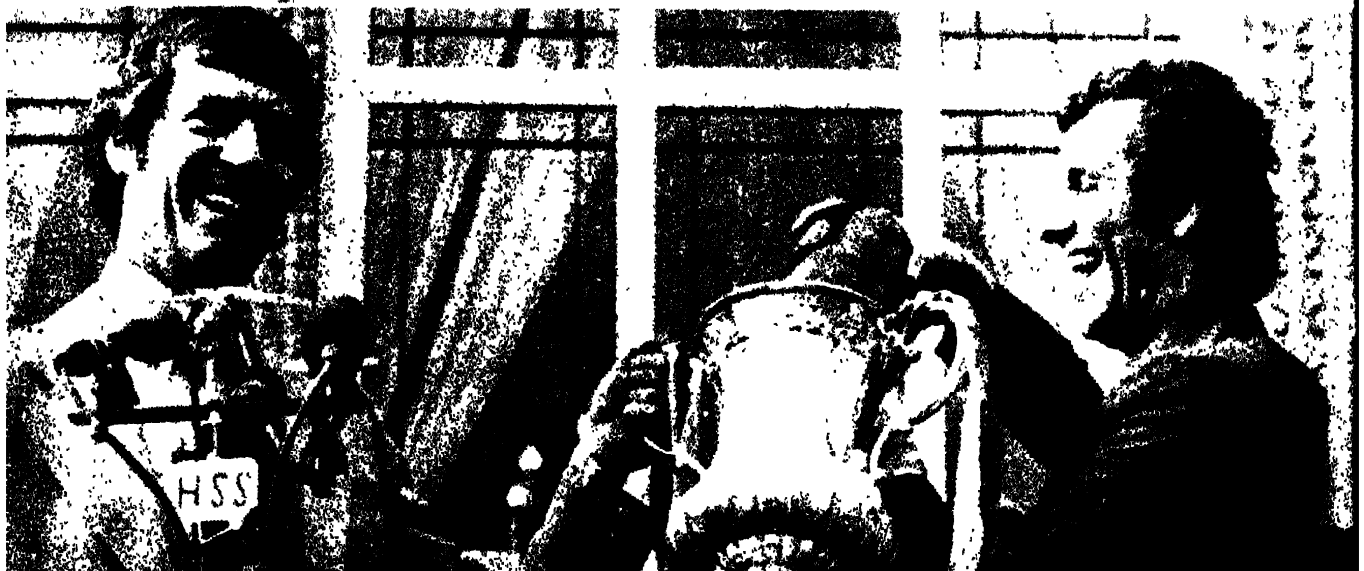


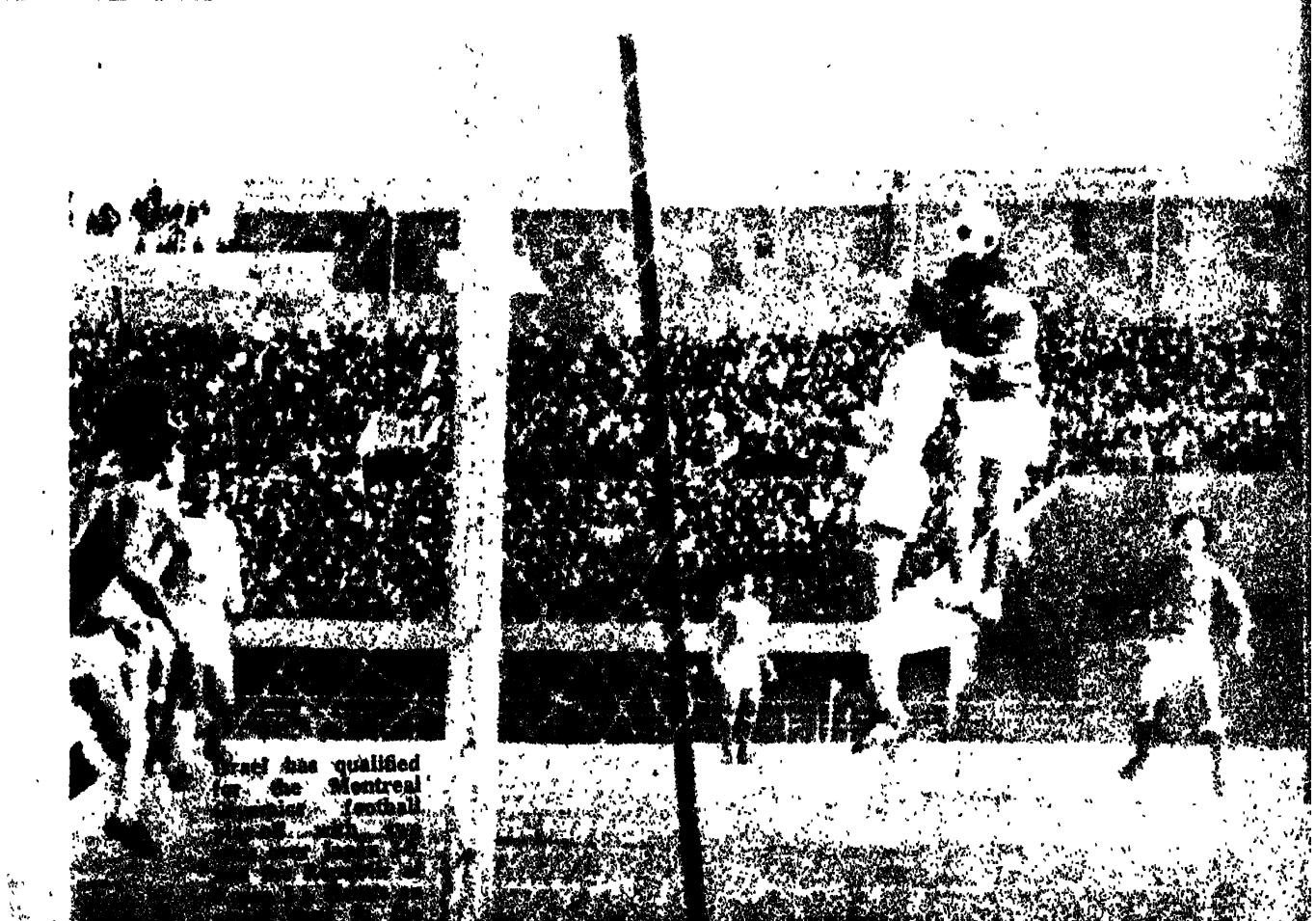
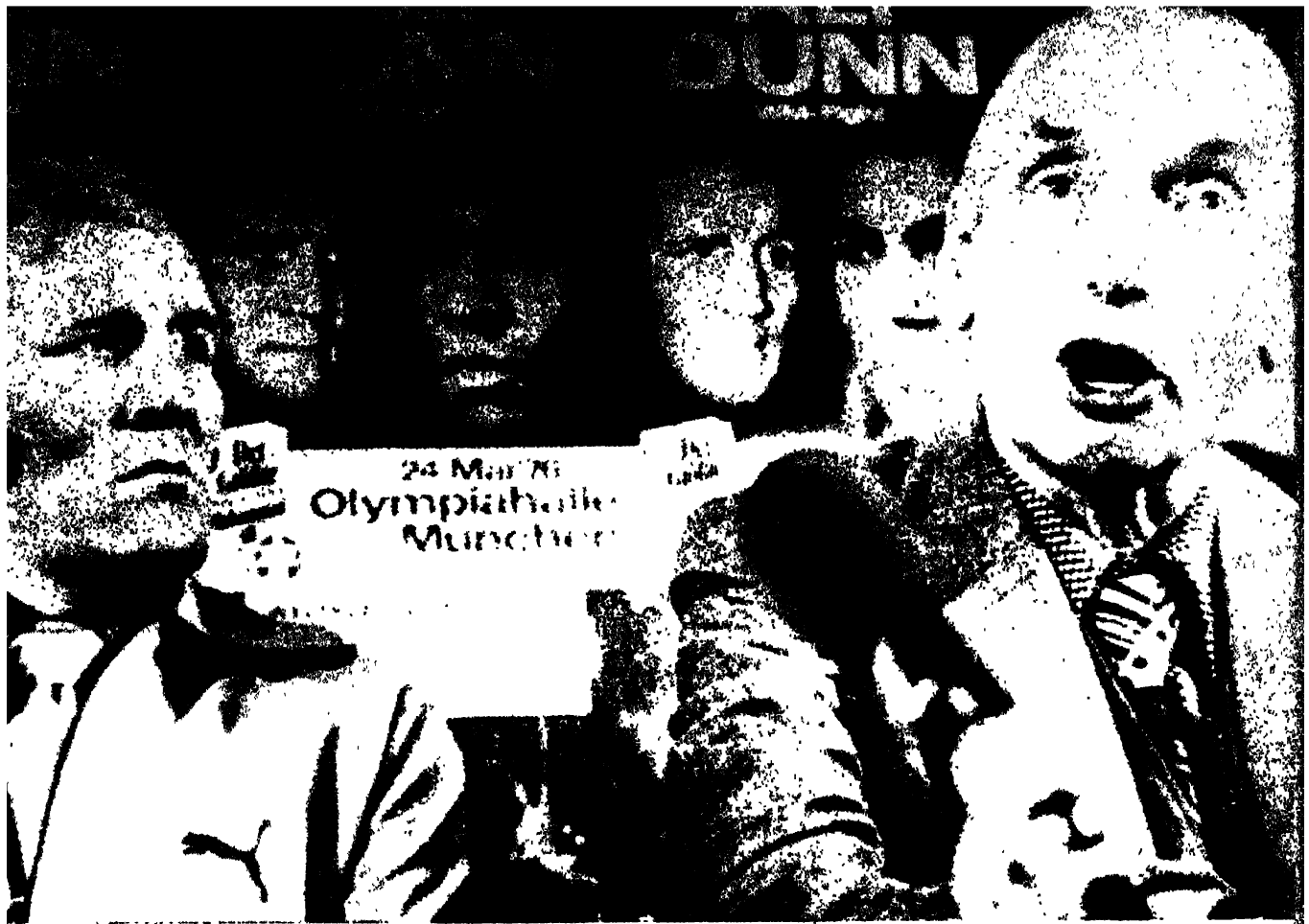
18-year-old Christina Brehmer of Berlin broke the world 400 metres record with a time of 49.77 secs.

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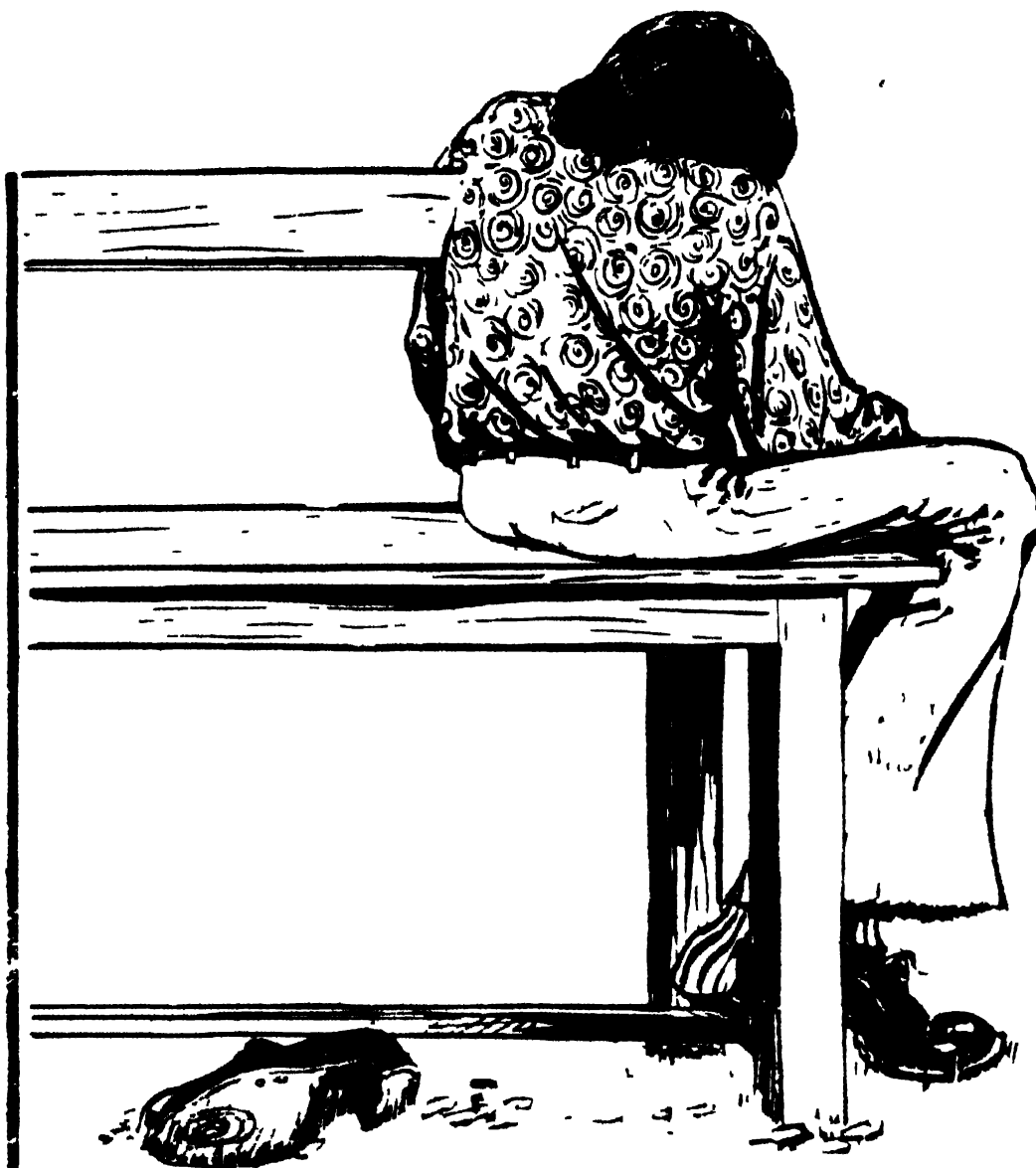
It's champagne time for English FA Cup winners Southampton and leading the celebrations are manager Lawrie McMenemy and Peter Osgood. Southampton beat Manchester United 1-0 in a surprise win





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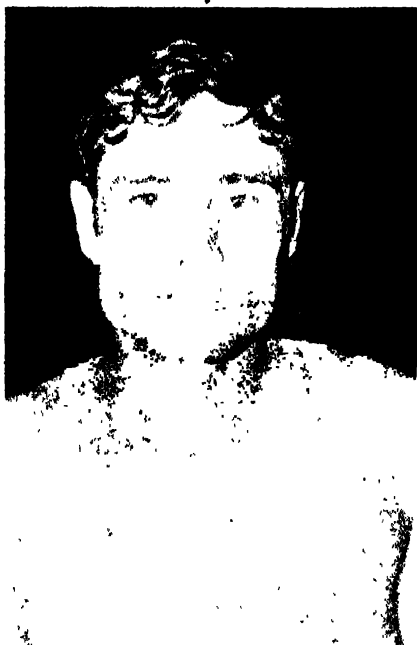
I come from the hill area of Pithoragad in north-western Uttar Pradesh. The only son of my parents, I was born in October 1945. I started playing basketball after I joined the boys' division of the Bengal Engineering Group at Roorkee. That was in 1957 and I was not even 13 years old at that time. We had facilities to play all the games but somehow I was drawn to basketball.

At BEG, we have always had a good basketball team. At the initial stage, I learnt the different aspects of the game from senior players like Chamkaur Singh and Dinanath. Yes, I also received systematic coaching, my mentor being A. S. Yadhav who was then the Roorkee University coach. He used to coach our team also.

I was selected for the Central Command in 1963. The same year I won my first Services cap and we beat Mysore (now Karnataka) in the final at the Bangalore nationals. The next year again I played for Services at the Cuttack nationals. We repeated our win over Mysore in the final. ... No, I did not play in the Coimbatore and Bombay nationals as I was not selected for the Services team. We had international stalwarts like Surrender Kumar and Surjan Singh in our team and even in those nationals where I played for the Services, I did not get enough opportunity to show my mettle.

Since the Jabalpur nationals in 1967, I have been a regular member of the Services team. During all these years, the only setback

**Hari Dutt
Kapari**



we suffered in a national championship was in 1968 at Kottayam where we lost the title to our traditional rivals—Railways. I also played in the first pre-Asian championship at Madras in 1966.

I was an automatic choice for the Indian team to participate in the fifth ABC at Bangkok in 1969. The pre-Asian Championship that year was held at Kota. I played very well in all the matches at

Bangkok. My performance earned me the Arjuna award for 1969. Yes, I was very impressed by one particular player at Bangkok and he is Shin Dong Pa of South Korea. He had a very graceful style of shooting and an impressive percentage of conversion.

I was chosen the captain of the Indian team for the sixth ABC at Tokyo in 1971. Before that I played in the tenth anniversary of the ABC Championship at Manila and the Asian Games at Bangkok in October and December, 1970, respectively. My third visit to Bangkok was recently for the eighth ABC. We gave our best performance to date and came fourth ...

Yes, I very vividly remember the match in which I think I played my best. Against the Philippines at Manila in 1970, hardly any attempt of mine was off the target but unfortunately we still lost the match by a narrow margin of four points ... Among teams, my favourites are the Chinese. They have a few of Asia's best all-rounders.

The most memorable of victories for me was the one we scored in the last nationals at Calcutta over the formidable Railways. They had six internationals in their ranks. I had a special reason to rejoice since it was my maiden national as the skipper of the Services team.

Text: JAVED AKHTAR

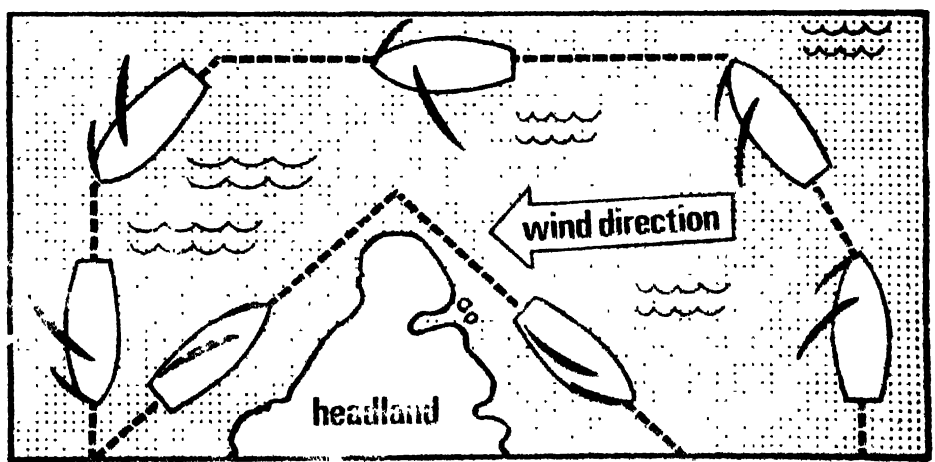
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OLYMPIC ATHLETES...I

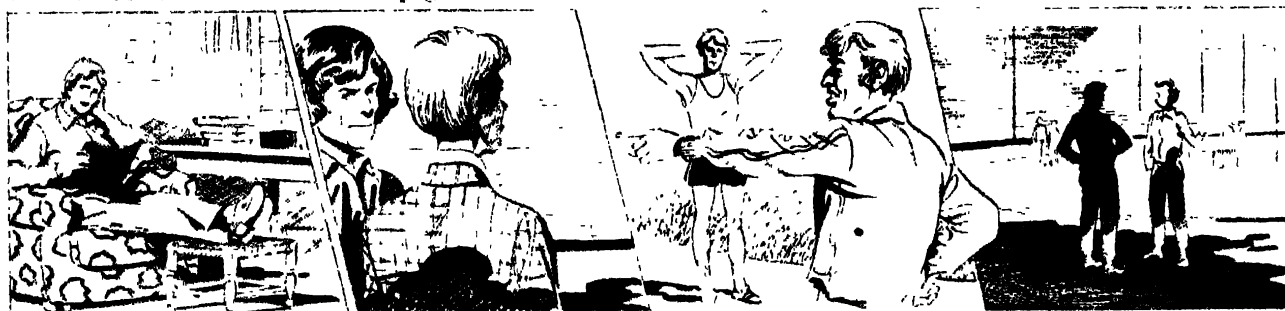


David Jenkins, the powerhouse Scot who put British sprinting back on the athletics map, goes searching for gold again this year — this time in Montreal. If Jenkins is successful, and his form impressive, he will complete a superb Olympic medal double.

For Jenkins, British record holder over both 200 and 400 metres, won a silver medal at Munich in the 1972 Olympics. Jenkins, though, didn't take that medal in his own event; but as anchor man in Britain's 4 x 400 metres relay. His effort, however, was one of the few memorable British moments of the Games.

In that race Jenkins made a supreme final burst to clinch a medal that had seemed lost. Yards down on the hand over to Jamaican Julius Sang and the West German anchor man, Jenkins turned on the power to earn silver. David's relay partners Alan Pascoe, David Hemery and Martin Reynolds had Jenkins to thank for their reward.

Born in Pointe-a-Pierre, Trinidad of Scottish parents, Jenkins gave early indication of his immense talent as he won the 400 metres gold medal in the 1971 European Championships. Then only 19, Jenkins clocked 15.5 seconds to clinch Britain's only gold of the Games.



Jenkins who studied chemical engineering at Heriot Watt University, Scotland thinks deeply about his running. He says: "The essence of racing is intense concentration on what you're doing. It has to be a whole-hearted job or you're wasting your time. You might otherwise stay home and read a book."

Now Jenkins works as Assistant Development Officer under Brendan Foster at the Gateshead recreation centre in the north of England and has joined the town's athletics club, Gateshead Harriers.

David's younger brother Roger, 19, is another highly successful athlete. An international, Roger ran the 200 metres in 46.7 secs. in 1974. He coached brother David, but now top hurdler David Hemery hands out the advice as Jenkins sets his sights on Montreal.

Hemery is the third coach 24-year-old Jenkins has known in his brief career. Before brother Roger, Jenkins was groomed by John Anderson, the former Scottish national coach. That partnership split-up in 1973 after Anderson had guided the young Jenkins to his early triumphs.



Jenkins who has so far ignored the lure of professional athletics plans his running future carefully. He says: "I always build a picture of a race in my mind. I work out my tactics beforehand and aim to build myself up in the hours before I run."

Unhappily for Jenkins that planning didn't work out as he defended his European title in Rome in 1974. Jenkins keen to avoid pre-race nerves read a spy novel and listened to music throughout the morning of the 400 metres final. That relaxed Jenkins — but he overdid the therapy.

Before the race Jenkins was stung by a wasp, but he was quick to dismiss that as an excuse for failure. "I simply prepared all wrong," said Jenkins after finishing second behind Karl Honz. "I was ready for action — but maybe I was too relaxed." To compensate for that slip, Jenkins once again anchored Britain to 4 x 400 metres relay gold.

British national champion for the past four years over 400 metres, Jenkins also has United Kingdom best performances at both 300 and 600 metres. That allround running ability is in no small part due to the tough training routine which Jenkins and coach Hemery have laid down.



Jenkins has had his disappointments. In 1970 an ankle injury kept him out of the Commonwealth Games held at Edinburgh in Scotland. "I watched the Games with my leg in plaster," remembers Jenkins. "I was naturally bitterly disappointed."

Jenkins rated that as a wasted experience. He said: "You learn so much running against top-class runners, so to miss that opportunity was a double blow." Determined not to be denied, Jenkins was eager to grab the next Commonwealth Games chance that came his way. He prepared meticulously for Christchurch, New Zealand — travelling out by plane a month before the start of the Games.

Unfortunately that acclimatisation period didn't pay off as Jenkins came in 4th in the 400 metres final behind Jamaican Julius Sang. It was a great disappointment, but since then Jenkins has risen again following a fine season in 1975.

Urged on by the ever-increasing crowds drawn to British athletics meetings, Jenkins is once again looking a real champion. A stunning victory in an international against the Russians at Crystal Palace underlined his potential, which could yet be fulfilled in Canada.

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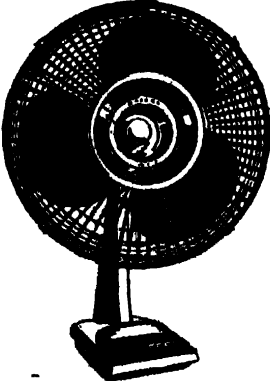
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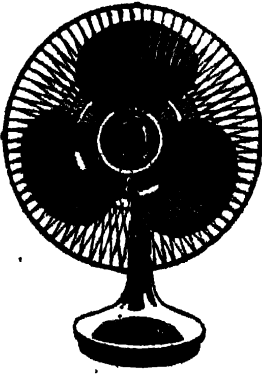
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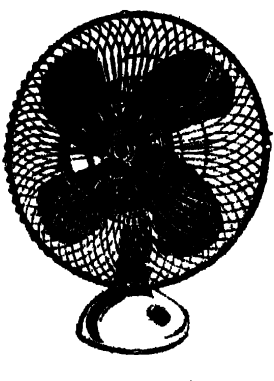
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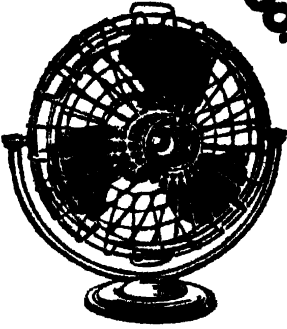
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MASTERS occasionally display their skill at blindfold chess, but M. S. Mahdi Razvi of Hyderabad, who unfortunately lost his sight, still plays in tournaments even without the aid of special chess sets for the blind.

Here are some of his wins in the State Championship tagains sighted opponents:

SICILIAN DEFENCE

White: M. S. Mahdi Razvi

Black: B. P. Raju

1. PK4, PQ3 2. PKB4, NKB3 3. NQB3, PB4 4. BN5ch, NB3 5. NB3, PQR3? (a) 6. BxNch, PxP 7. 00 PN3 8. PKR3, BKN2 9. PQ3, 00 10. NK2, NK1? (b) 11. PB3, PB4 12. PK5, PQ4 13. RB2! (c) NB2 14. PKN3, PR3 15. RN2, KR2 16. PKN4, RKN1 17. QK1, PK3 18. NR4, PN4, 19. NB3, NPxP 20. BxP, PxP 21. PxP, BQ2 22. PN5, BK1 23. PxP, BB1 24. BN5, BK2 25.

QR4, BxB 26. NxBch, KR1 27. NB4, QK2 28. KR1, BN3 29. QRKN1, PB5 30. NxBch, RxN 31. NB7ch, QxN 32. RxR, PxP 33. PR7, QB6ch 34. KR2, Black resigns.

(a) Better 5... BQ2 preventing doubling of Pawns.

(b) He should have played 10... NQ2 preventing PK5 in reply to ... PB4 and preparing ... PK4.

(c) A well planned and none-too-obvious move to prepare King side Pawn advance against which Black has no adequate defence as his Knight and Queen Bishop remain inactive.

Razvi—R. Subramaniam

White: Kg1; Qd1; R's-f1, g3; B's-c1, d3; Ng5; P's-a2, c2, c4, e4, f2, g2, h3.

Black: Kh8; Qf6; R's-c8; d8; Be6; N's-c6, f4; P's-a7, b7, d6, e5, f7, g7, h7.

The play was 21... BQ2? (Necessary was 21 ... KN1) 22. BxN, PKR3 23. QR5, PxP 24. NxBch, QxN 25. QxQ, PxR 26. PxP, NK4 27. QR5, BK3 28. PN4, RB4 29. QR4, RQ2 (If 29... R1QB1 30. QK7) 30. RB8ch, BN1 31. QB2!, RR4 32. QKB5!, PQN3 33. QK6, RKB2 34. RQ8, KR2 35. QK8 and White won.

Razvi—D. K. Raja

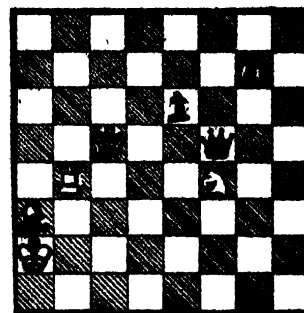
White: Kg1, R's-a2, d1; Bf2; P's-b6, c3, c5, f4, g5.

Black: Ke6; R's-b8, e8; Nc4; P's-b7, c6, d5, f5, g6.

The game went: 37 ... KB2? (37... KQ2 was preferable) 38. BQ4, RK5 39. RR2!, RxP 40. RR7ch, KK3 41. BB6! (threatens RK7 mate) RK1 42. RxP, NK4 43. RQB7, NQ2 44. RxPch, KB2 45. RB7, and White won.

END GAME

By V. Born (9-5-76)



White: Ka2; Rb4; Ba3; Nf4.

Black: Kc5; Qf5; P's-e6, g7.

White to play and win.

1. Ng6!, Qd5ch 2. Ka1!, Pe4 3. Ne7, Qe6 4. Kb1!, Pg6 5. Ka1!, Pg5 6. Kb2, Pg4 7. Kc3, Qa2 8. Rb3ch wins. (4, 5, 6... Q-any loses to dis. check. 7. Kc3 is so timed as to avoid Qh3ch.)

The quality of life

THE life span may not be a good indication of fitness. In fact, there is no statistical proof that the athletes and the so-called fit and strong people live longer than others. If the question of life span can be set aside, the primary concern in the quality of life would mean the ability of the individual to develop and use his potential to the fullest. This raises a fundamental issue—does everyone require a certain level of fitness?

The science of Exercise Physiology has revealed that it is impossible to develop physical fitness (a state of physical well being, emphasising the production and utilisation of human energy) without regular exercise. The fact remains that the genetic factors (the heredity that determines the strength and weakness even before birth) play a key role in the life of each one of us.

Rest and relaxation, nutrition, hygiene, satisfaction in life and such like also contribute to health and fitness. Nevertheless, daily exercise (irrespective of where it comes from—domestic work, sports, physical training, hobby, occupational work, etc.) is the core around which the other comple-

mentary things (food, sleep, etc.) should be built.

Unfortunately, the image of fitness is often distorted. To many, it is strength to excel or athletic performance to win. Fitness is all these and even more. Basically it is everybody's need, though the objectives may be different. It is here we identify and grapple with the most difficult problem—misconceptions.

Focus on fitness—5

The familiar ones are: "I don't need exercise to be fit"; "I have never been sick. I think I am fit enough; sports is only for the young people"; exercise may damage my body". Some inactive people have been blessed with good health by nature. If only they would add exercise to what they already have, there is bound to be a further change in the quality of life (a life of more creativity, productivity and joy) for the better.

Generally speaking, normal healthy persons do not require structured training schedules. In most instances, it is preferable that the individual chooses physical activities according to his likes. In actual practice, the general train-

ing principles must be applied.

Exercise must be done daily or at least every other day. The heart rate must be worked up to a minimum of 56% of the maximum (say, 130 beats per minute; less in the case of older people) and the same intensity must be maintained for not less than 20 minutes, though not continuously.

This kind of training is meant to tax the cardio-pulmonary system and improve its functional efficiency. Where the individual is interested in the development of muscular strength and flexibility he may add more callisthenics, weight training and Yoga-type exercises.

Contrary to the above, there are three classes of people who require structured schedules: (1) persons who are very weak, (2) individuals who have functional deficiencies, and (3) athletes who are interested in maximal performance. In each case, the supervision of an expert is essential.

Despite the varied interests and abilities of a population, there is one thing in common—the joy that physical activity offers. To start with, it hurts; but in course of time, it is interpreted as a pleasant feeling.

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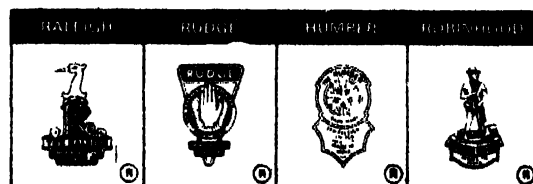
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NEW DELHI:

WHOEVER thought of the tie-breaker through penalty-strokes to end perennial stalemates in hockey would have second thoughts about this mode of arbitration if he had sat through the latter stages of the All-India Guru Nanak Hockey Tournament which concluded here recently.

The tournament could rightly be called a penalty-strokes meet as nine matches in the final stages had to be consigned to the tie-breaker and in most cases it required more than one round of penalty strokes to get a judgement.

In fact a near record was set in Indian hockey when Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking beat the holders Sikh Regimental Centre of Meerut 13-12 after four rounds of the tie-breaker. Of course cases of two and three rounds were not uncommon in this tournament.

Bengal Engineering Group of Roorkee can hold their heads high as they went through this grueling stage without recourse to penalty-strokes. In fact they set a near record in the tournament when they beat Meerut Youngs by three field goals, a rarity in this meet.

The Engineers were indeed worthy winners of the final. They beat DESU one love and but for the energetic Arvind Chabra under the DESU bat, they could have won by a handsome margin.

DESU were far from disgraced. They put up a splendid fight and their outside-right Dinesh Kumar remained a constant threat to the rival defence. But he had no support. On the other hand, the BEG forwards, particularly centre-forward Bachan, one of the best seen in the tournament, gave the DESU defence no end of trouble.

Goalkeeper Arvind Chabra who was selected as the best player of the tournament was DESU's trump card almost all through, and played a leading role in the replayed quarter-final and the semi-finals. Both these matches were played on the same hot afternoon.

At 1 p.m. sharp DESU took on the holders Sikh Regimental Centre and held on grimly. The Sikhs as in the first meeting were by far the superior side but failed to score. The match went into extra time and then came the tie-breaker. DESU won 13-12. This match lasted nearly two hours.

And with just about 45 minutes rest DESU were again on the field, this time meeting runners-up Corps of Signals in the semi-finals. They won by a penalty-stroke goal to none. The Signals were unhappy about the award and did sound the Organising Secretary about the poor supervision.

For both DESU and BEG Roorkee it was their first entry into the final of a major tournament.



There was another first, if one could call it that. For reasons unknown, both the winners and runners-up, SRC and Signals were placed in the same half and were favoured to meet in the semi-finals.

Every tournament throws up some good players and this one was no different. Apart from Arvind Chabra, one liked the speed and stickwork of Zafar Iqbal of Aligarh Muslim University. Iqbal and S. Ekka of Central Reserve Police Force were two of the best left-wingers seen for some time. Meerut Youngs' outside right Zabeer was another sound player.

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INDIAN AIRLINES is on the lookout for hockey talent again. This time with a difference.

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IA is initially looking out for players between 18 and 21 years of age who have represented the State in senior or junior Nationals or the school team.

The players are to be selected after trials some time next month at Delhi.

Sports promotion in Indian Airlines began in 1966 when a Sports Control Board was set up. As a first step it decided to groom a hockey team. The team in its debut won the Ramlal hockey tournament at Lucknow in 1968 and the Nehru Memorial Gold Cup Hockey tournament at Delhi in 1969.

The performance of the team

placed Indian Airlines at par with the best hockey teams in the country. The next year Indian Airlines won all the major hockey tournaments in which it participated, a feat accomplished earlier by Mohun Bagan only.

Inam-ur-Rehman became the first IA employee to represent the country in the Olympics. Since then Krishnamurthy, Ashok Kumar, Govinda and Aslam Sher Khan have represented the country in Olympics with distinction. This year another newcomer, Mehboob from Indian Airlines joins his colleagues. Ashok Kumar, Govinda and Aslam Sher Khan in the team selected for the Montreal Olympics.

To most people his effort of absorbing fresh talent would seem only an attempt to replace old players with new. This is far from the exact position.

The aim of the airline's SCB is not to employ celebrated players but to tap and absorb youth talent

and develop it so that they could play a meaningful role in hockey both for Indian Airlines and India.

According to IA Chairman A. H. Mehta, who is also president of the SCB, sports promotion is a continuous process, an effort to groom young players to learn from older players.

IA considers itself to be fortunate enough to have the expertise guidance of stalwarts like Dhyan Chand and K. D. Singh (Babu) to help it in selecting and training of potential talent.

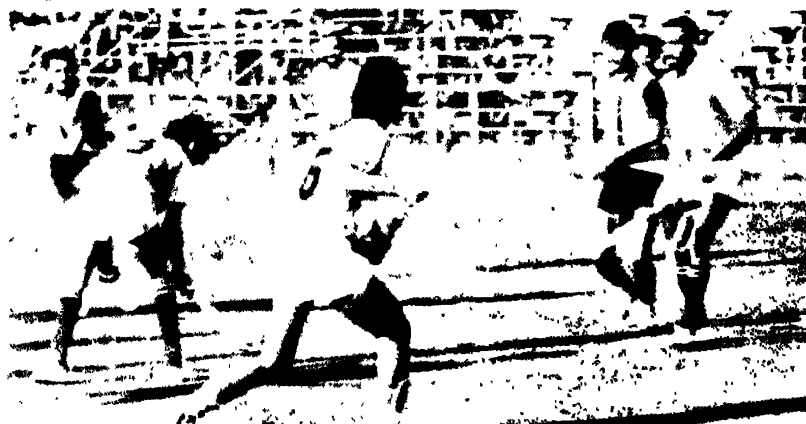
According to a statement issued by the Sports Control Board, "if we did not think in these terms perhaps Aslam Sher Khan and others may not have been discovered." It added that most of the talented younger players even while at school sacrifice their talent for their family owing to economic reasons. "Our efforts is to absorb them in a manner that they can work and develop their hockey talent without any financial strain."

Aga Khan hockey...



Left: Eastern Railway's Parampal Singh beats Bharat Earth Mover's goalkeeper Roberts. Eastern won 3-0. Right: EME defender deflects the ball away from the goal from a shot by Bengal XI's Dutta (not in pic). EME won 1-0.

Western Railway's Ganapathy traps a shot by ASC's Balbir Singh in a match which ASC won 1-0.



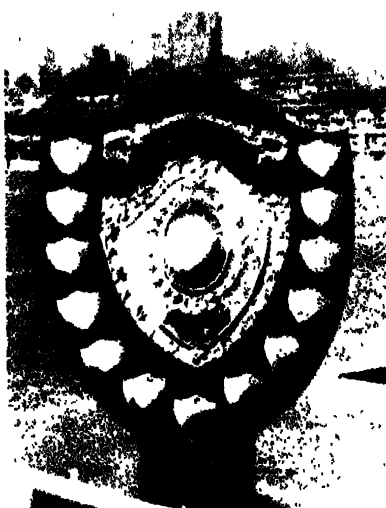
Above: BEM's goalkeeper Roberts foils Eastern Railway's Hussein. Left: Appaiah scores the equaliser for Tata against Calcutta Customs. Tata won 2-1



Tata's Kallaiah trying to break through the Calcutta Custom's defence

Pics : R I O

The fair play trophy...



A feature of this year's Aga Khan Hockey tournament is the institution of a 'Fair Play' Trophy donated by Inderjit Rai, chairman, Aga Khan Hockey Tournament Committee, to perpetuate the memory of the late K. P. H. Mehta, a popular member of the Bombay Gymkhana, an ardent hockey player who was actively associated with the Aga Khan tournament committee for many years. He passed away on January 15, 1976. Mehta played cricket, football, tennis, boxing and hockey in Calcutta, Bombay and Lancashire, where he was captain of the Blackburn hockey team.

The Donor



In Honour



The Aga Khan tournament committee honoured three veteran players by awarding them gold medals for their services to the game and this tourney in particular. The three are Ataulah Khan (receiving the medal from Inderjit Rai), Murugesh (both of ICF) and Udham Singh of Border Security Force

AICH—'POCKET HERCULES'

AT 61, he looks much fitter than most men half his age. His 18-inch biceps still ripple with every movement of the arms. Manohar Aich is an artist supreme. Present-day youngsters would instantly react with "Manohar who?" But in his hey-day, he reached the peak of excellence in his own sphere of specialisation and was regarded the world over as the 'pocket Hercules.'

Aich participated in four Mr. Universe contests — and was the winner of that title in the short man class in 1952 in London. His subsequent forays — in 1955 and 1960, both in London — were not as successful, though he outclassed much younger opposition whilst bagging the silver in 1955 and bronze in 1960.

Exercises

Aich started out on his body-building career as a 4 feet 6 in. 15-year-old youngster who loved nothing better than to indulge in all sorts of exercises, from the free squats to the dips. It was this initial grounding that enabled him



Aich . . . captured the hearts of the British public with his inimitable posing. He was one of the most popular body-builders to have visited England

to pose so well in later years. In fact, as Oscar Heidenstam wrote in his tribute to the great Indian in 'Health and Strength', "Aich captured the hearts of the British

public with the supreme grace and ease of his posing." He was greatly in demand, in fact, one of the most popular body-builders in England, —and spent many years there performing at various public shows.

Nineteen fifty two was Manohar's best year. Besides winning the Mr. Universe title, he also took the physical culture world by surprise when he overshadowed taller, heavier men to walk away with the World Strand-pulling championship in Scotland.

Aich has his own physical culture studio in Calcutta, but at the moment, he is just completing a stint with a national circus company where he has kept thousands enthralled with his 'feats of strength.'

Manohar bemoans the fall in standards today as compared to his own generation — which, lest we forget, also produced another great Indian world champion, Monotosh Roy. "It's basically because there's no proper guidance and instruction," says Aich. "Body-building involves much hard-work. It's very easy to build a good body — the real tough thing is to maintain it," opined the superbly fit former world professional champ. —F.E.D.

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China win easily

by BOMI
AMALSADVALA

PYONGYANG, the North Korean capital, played impeccable host to 31 Asian nations, including world champions China and their formidable opponents Japan, at the third Asian Table Tennis Union championships recently.

After colourful inaugural ceremonies, the most impressive being a classic display of gymnastics by school children, the opening sessions of the championships featured the men's and women's team events where eight groups of four teams fought out the preliminary matches. The Indian team comprising S Phadke, M Dua, V Menon and Atul Parekh headed group 8.

In the lung-opening encounters, India breezed past their three lowly-ranked rivals, Lebanon, Yemen and Singapore, all by the identical match score of 3-0.

China, Japan, North Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Hong Kong also qualified along with India for the final round-robin matches to decide the best Asian team as also the remaining placings from second to eighth.

India fielded their strongest possible combination of S Phadke, V Menon and M Dua against China but could not even take a game off the world champions. They, however, redeemed themselves in the next match with an impressive win over Indonesia to whom they had lost in the Calcutta World Championship, a costly loss, which has relegated our team to the second division for the next World Championship at Birmingham (UK) in April next year.

They ran into stiff opposition against Vietnam, Japan and North Korea and lost tamely to them. Although Phadke won only one match against Vietnam, he was at his best in these encounters. Dua and Menon also played well.

India then faced Malaysia but surprisingly lost 2-5 with S. Phadke and M. Dua taking one match each. Ending their campaign, India defeated Hong Kong but not before V. Menon lost one match in the encounter. India finished seventh of the top eight teams which is a step or two backward from their last performance at Yokohama two years ago.

In the final play-off matches, the Chinese and Japanese exerted their superiority when they defeated the remaining six opponents comfortably. China proved beyond doubt their superiority, by outclassing Japan 5:1 with Takashima, the World No. 6 of Japan providing the only resistance with a sty-

lish display against the all-conquering Chinese.

Hosts North Korea won the bronze medal. They lost to China 3-5 although leading 3-0 at one stage and to Japan 1-5. Indonesia stood fourth, Vietnam fifth, Malaysia sixth and Hong Kong eighth.

In the women's section, in a straight three-cornered fight, China and North Korea entered the finals beating Japan 3:0 and 3:2 respectively. Although they lost, the Japanese women played superbly against North Korea and this was the best match of the competition.

Then the hosts, backed by loudly cheering spectators defeated China, the world champions 3:1 to claim the gold medal.

In the men's open singles Sudhin Phadke took credit to India when he topped his group and then progressed to the quarters where he gallantly lost to Li-Peng in four games. Incidentally, Li-Peng then a world ranked player, had lost to Bajaj in the Calcutta World Championship when India played China in the team events. Atul Parekh ran into Takashima, the immaculate defender from Japan and met his Waterloo in two straight games. M. Dua lost to the eventual runner-up, Chinese player Hua in two straight games in his group matches and Vilas Menon, after qualifying from his group, lost to Kim Do Won.

The draw for the women's singles was quite puzzling as four top Chinese clashed with four Japanese players in the quarters. And perhaps for the first time, Japan did not have a single woman in the quarters of an open international event while North Korea and China had four players each.

The final was an "all China" affair as an unknown Chinese girl

Chang Tey-ing counter-attacked fearlessly and beat the current world champion Pak Yung Sun in the semis. Chang Li, who had lost tamely in the finals to Pak Yung Sun in the Calcutta World Championship, won the Asian crown beating her compatriot in four games.

The open men's singles final was also an "all-China-affair." It was therefore, more of an exhibition match than a real test of superiority. The paired events were also listless. The open men's doubles and mixed doubles events were won by the tireless and much-fitter Japanese and the women's doubles event went to the well-trained hosts, North Korea. The Indian pair of Manjit Dua and Vilas Menon did well to enter the semis of the men's doubles there by winning a bronze medal for India, the only one from this competition.

In the medal-wise tally, China claimed three gold, Japan cornered two and North Korea two.

As for the Indian juniors, the less said the better. While the promising National champion R. Hari of Tamil Nadu lost to a Yemen player in his group match, Ajay Sidhaye of Maharashtra after qualifying from his group was beaten in the quarters.

Likewise, in the junior girls section, National champion Anita Sardesai lost to an Indonesian in her group match.

Where does one go from here as far as India is concerned? The world championships have come and gone. The Asians are over and now it will be the Afro-Asians at Mexico in October this year. And then it will be World Championship in UK in April next year. But will our standards ever improve?



The Indian team at the inauguration ceremony

I MUST say that the Board of Control for Cricket in India is for once really trying to find some good fast bowlers to restore some of our lost prestige in the recently concluded Test.

The other day, I was walking down the road on my way to office when a talent scout of the board stopped me. "Excuse me, Sir," he said, "would you like to be a fast bowler and send down five bumpers in an over and hit Clive Lloyd in the nose?"

I said I was late and I had to go to office.

"Indian cricket comes before your office," said the talent scout. "Consider what would have happened if Mohamed Nissar had said he had to go to office."

I said I did not think I was cut out to be a fast bowler. My only connection with cricket was listening to Anant Setalvad on the radio.

The talent scout said "That is the trouble with us. All our people are interested in is eating, drinking and bowling spinners. If you have never tried, how can you know whether you are cut out to be a fast bowler or not."

BUZZING AROUND

by BUSYBEE

I said this was all ridiculous. No country in the world, not even Australia, went about acquiring fast bowlers by interviewing people on the road.

"We will send you to a training camp, prepare special fast pitches for you, give you all encouragement," said the talent scout. "And afterwards we will fix you up with a job in the State Bank of India or with Tata."

I said, please, could they not find somebody else. Somebody who was fond of travelling abroad and hitting foreigners on the head with a cricket ball.

He said: "Think of the great honour being done to you. Captains will be scared to bat against

you and declare the innings closed. Big controversies will start around you and experts like Denis Compton and Jim Laker will write on whether you should be banned or not."

I said all that was nice, but I really had to go to office now.

"No office for you," said the talented scout. "We will leave right away for the coaching camp where you will be put on a strict diet and a fitness programme under Hemu Adhikari. By the time the MCC arrives here, you will be our main hope."

I said it was not fair. Those who did not want to be fast bowlers should not be forced into becoming ones.

Said the talent scout: "The board has announced its plans for discovering fast bowlers. You have no choice in the matter now. Kindly accompany me to the station."

Hence, I am writing this piece from the Patiala coaching camp. The weather is nice, but it is very lonely. Even our hockey stars for Montreal have left the camp.

PROFILE

Harjinder Singh

PUNJAB has produced another intelligent footballer of Inder Singh's class in lightly-built, 21-year old Harjinder Singh. Poker-faced Harjinder may not impress one as a class footballer if one goes by his build and personality but there one's doubts vanish when one sees him in action. His artistry and craftsmanship are indeed on a par with that of Inder Singh.

Like Inder, Harjinder believes in fair play. He is a shrewd tactician and always keeps the rival defenders guessing. But whereas Inder has a penchant for scoring, Harjinder is fond of entrusting this task to his colleagues with his goal-bound passes.

A junior B.A. student of the Sports College, Jullundur, Harjinder, coached by Nirmal Singh, began his career with the Leader Club in 1972. Leader lost the services of Inder Singh the next season and this indeed has proved a great loss as the only man who could have made the most of Harjinder's defence-splitting passes is Inder.

Harjinder won the instant recognition of the national selectors and represented the junior India team in the Asian Youth Tournament at Iran in 1973. He was also a member of the junior India team that emerged joint winners in the same competition at Bangkok the following year.



Harjinder soon walked into the senior India side that played some exhibition matches in Malaysia and also participated in the Mara Hallim Gold Cup Tournament in Indonesia last year. Unfortunately Harjinder fractured his right arm at Indonesia. The wound has left its mark as Harjinder now shies away in the face of robust tackling.

Harjinder has been a regular member of the Punjab State team since his debut at Ernakulam in 1972. He supported Inder admirably in Jullundur National where Punjab routed Bengal 6-0 in the final. And at the recently-concluded Bandodkar Gold Cup Tournament, Harjinder was the unanimous choice of "man of the tournament."

"I owe a lot to my uncle Lal Singh who has encouraged me to raise the level of my play to its present standard", Harjinder says modestly.

—AJIT K. MOYE

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton



MAIL BAG



Mistake—not ours

IN "Question Box", Chatterbox states that India's highest total in Tests so far is 539 for 9 decl. against Pakistan in 1960. I believe that he is wrong. India's highest score is 572 for 2 decl. against New Zealand when Mankad and Roy established a world record scoring 413 runs for the first wicket. Am I correct?

—Dr. N. P. Verma
(New Delhi).

(No, you're not. India scored 537 for 3 decl. in the Test to which you refer—Ed.)

Hail, Norris

I was extremely happy to read the excellent article on Rex Norris (18th April). The article gave me more pleasure because I was one of the fortunate few to have been coached by the great Rex Norris himself.

—Eula Vincent (Bombay)

No wrestlers

THE omission of wrestlers from the Indian contingent for Montreal is surprising, especially when one considers that apart from hockey, it has been the wrestlers who have done well in the Olympics.

—Bhartendu Sood (Kota).

Wailing woes

WHILE there is no dispute over the fact that Holding's tactics in the Jamaica Test were intimidatory and the injuries to our batsmen unfortunate, I think all this wailing about West Indies' fast bowling is a bit too much and nauseating. When the pitch suited Holding, he exploited it — that's all. Were we not chuckling up our sleeves when the same bowler was rendered innocuous in the second innings at Trinidad. Moreover, if we wish to play in international cricket we should not always expect the friendly bumpers of bowlers like Tony Opatha.

—A. V. Jayakumar
(Madras).

AILTA — what's going on?

J. D. MEHTA's letter (25th April) is most interesting. As a responsible secretary of a State Association, he should have asked himself the following questions and, if possible, offered his comments:

(a) What is the purpose of stipulating a last date for receipt of nominations in AILTA Constitution which is the 25th November? Why is the acting secretary refusing to give out the names of the nominations received by the stipulated date in spite of repeated reminders sent to him by a number of State Associations? In this regard Mehta would be well advised to keep in mind that this lapse on the part of the caretaker honorary secretary of the AILTA may give rise to obvious suspicion in the mind of general public, as the caretaker himself is also a candidate for honorary secretary's post.

(b) AILTA Constitution provides that elections for the various offices of AILTA be held at a General Meeting before 30th April each year. No choice has been provided for not holding elections within the stipulated period. One

month's notice is required to be given to the State Associations for the meeting. We are running half way in May and there is no sign of any such notice yet. How would Mehta answer this lapse? Has he answered this question adequately by the words "As far as the Annual General Body meeting of the AILTA is concerned, it has been the usual practice to hold it at the end of April or the start of May?" Would he kindly note that even if notice of the meeting were to be received now, the meeting could only be held in the middle of June which is far after 'end of April or the start of May'?

The Government has taken upon itself the task of straightening up all sports bodies and I am sure AILTA would not be spared for such a serious lapse. And who will suffer in the bargain? Tennis or course and not those persons who are responsible for this lapse.

—D. Deo, Secretary,
Orissa L. T. A.

(Subsequent reports have indicated that the AILTA AGM will be held in Bangalore on June 11.—Ed.)

Ban the bouncer

I for one would like to see the use of the bouncer totally banned. The advocates of the bouncer claim that it is a legitimate weapon in their armoury aimed at unnerving batsmen. I cannot agree. The bowler's job is to try and hit the stumps and not the batsmen and there are other legitimate methods of unnerving him besides putting him in fear of his life.

This also brings me to the vexed question that if the umpires do not carry out their duties without fear or favour in instances when their decisions go against the home side, then let us have neutral umpires from other Test-playing countries.

—J. P. Pocha (London).

Camps for cricketers

IT is high time the Cricket Board makes a serious effort to develop fast bowlers and fast pitches. Also, like our hockey and football teams have to attend a training camp, so too the same should be introduced for our cricketers. At these camps the players must be made to play on matting wickets with a concrete base as a flooring. This will certainly help the batsmen to improve their reflexes.

—Cletus Dias (Bombay).

Transfer troubles

I wish to draw the attention of the powers that be in the All India Football Federation to the age-old inter-state transfer rules for our footballers.

It is with consistent hard work that our youngsters rise to certain heights in their soccer skills and come to be recognised at the national level. Having come to this stage they naturally look to further their sports career. Incentives come from private and public sector undertakings, clubs and commercial houses.

A.I.F.F. rules unfortunately, treat those asking for inter-state transfer in a step-motherly and punitive way. In the middle of an active playing season they are asked to apply for next year i.e. in the month of September. Thereafter these fine players who form the nucleus of India teams are put in cold storage for 7 months. They are forbidden to play in D.C.M. Trophy, Durand Cup, and Rovers Cup and also both Jr. and Sr. Nationals. This despite the fact that their transfer will only be granted in April, next. How can the A.I.F.F. justify depriving these players of top competitive soccer for 7 months at a stretch?

Why should the mere fact of applying for transfer curtail a player's playing life? This calls for immediate amendment so that inter-state transfers also fall in March, only just before a new seasons start.

—R. Prasad (New Delhi).



by RAILBIRD

IMAGINE, the winners of the jackpot (five legs) received Rs 366 and the runners up (four winners) Rs 949! That ridiculous situation obtained on the opening day of the Bangalore Summer Meeting and the disparity between the two dividends is so great that the time has come for the authorities to review the position. Of course, this anomalous situation was created because Serengeti was an outstanding runner in the last leg and the majority of the tickets which came through went on the colt. It is reasonable to suppose that the same will occur before the close down on August 1 and that makes the need for a change in the rules urgent and imperative.

Western India solved this problem by paying the winners the runners up dividend as well. Bangalore will be reluctant to do that as the collection here is much smaller (the unit has been reduced from Rs 10 to Rs 5) and as the attraction of the pool is the hope of a big prize the collection will be further reduced. The only solution accordingly is to merge both pools when such a situation arises and pay a common dividend. This again will be unfair to those who name all the five winners as they will receive the same amount as those who failed to name the last winner. But the cause for heart burning and resentment will be removed as they will not be envious of what the four winner punter will collect.

Serengeti, a colt by Mossy Bear Gladness, became the first of the present crop of three-year olds to win in Class Three when he won the 1,400 metres Kolhapur Stud Plate by two and a half lengths from Sovereign Rule. This was a good performance but it did nothing to enhance his classic chances. I make this comment advisedly. The colt was carrying only 48 kilos and though he moved fluently towards the close he had to be hustled early in the straight. He does not seem to be of the same quality as Bombay's trio of Squanderer, Midsummer Star and War Cry or the Madras champion Aristocracy. Yet, it is a long way to Derby Day.

Serengeti was one of the seven good winners which young trainer

Ridiculous Jackpot

Z. Darashah saddled in the 14 races decided on the opening week-end. He has thus established a substantial lead in the race for professional honours but as most of the horses with the other trainers have yet to be brought up to winning condition it is far too early to sing his championship honours. Four of his winners, all three year olds, Regency Gold, Serengeti, The Double Eagle and Young Lion, are either wholly or partly owned by Srikanthadatta Natasimharaja Wadivar, the son of the former Maharaja of Mysore, and it is good for the sport that this former prince has extended his patronage to it. His other winners were Auro Flame, the unfancied Golden Alpha and the friendless Day Dream.

The successes of Darashah, who has not been long in the game were in sharp contrast to the failures of Ghuman Singh, the latest addition to the ranks. He is the part owner of a big string of horses which was formerly in the care of Narayansingh and the uninformed and the critical are inclined to scoff at him. The fact is that when Narayansingh had charge of the stable it was Ghuman who did most of the work and was

largely responsible for the preparation and placing of the horses. Thus, in fact, he cannot be said to be new to the game. Of course, by taking out a licence his status has suffered but as that does not have much relevance in today's set up it hardly matters. It did matter in a different day and age and one recalls the hasty decision of the late Gulamhusein Essaji, who raced a big string under the assumed name of Mr Heath. A man with a low flash point, he dismissed his trainer in a fit of rage and took out a licence. This almost certainly cost him a place in the body of Stewards.

In the light of what has happened during the first week-end and on an assessment of the winter form there is every reason to believe that it will be profitable to follow the undermentioned horses.

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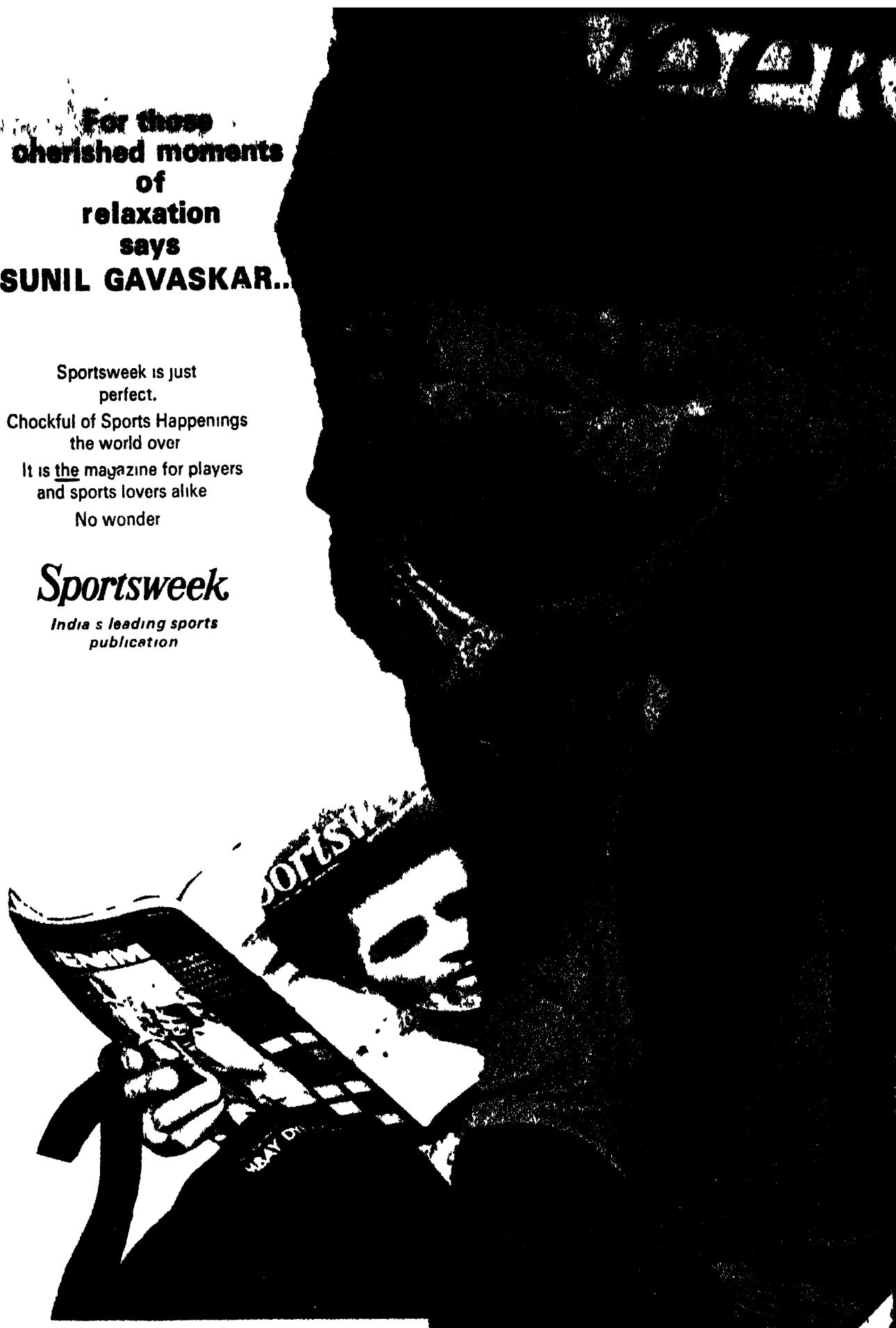
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Govt. must change all this

THE All India Council of Sports and the Indian Olympic Association deserve congratulations for their restraint in selecting the Indian contingent for the Montreal Games. By refusing to bow to pressure and confining our participation to a realistic level, they have done a power of good to Indian sport.

One would like to think that this welcome move on the part of the controlling agencies of our sport is part of the change in the national mood on the sporting front, that it is an extension of the process of improvement initiated — or sought to be initiated — by the six-point guidelines. How one wishes that was the truth!

The six-point guidelines undoubtedly played their part in cleansing Indian sport of the parasites that had clung to it, leech-like, for what seemed a millenium. Unwanted elements have been ousted in the wake of the guidelines — but, sadly, they have not been able to provide, as most had expected them to, the panacea for our sporting ills.

It is distressing to note, for example, that some of those men who had been ousted from power once the guidelines came into force, have found a place in an august national body. What on earth is the purpose of implementing guidelines if the result is that those very despicable, corrupt officials ousted from one office are allowed to seek the haven of prestigious bodies? The IOA president, Air Chief Marshall O. P. Mehra is a forward-looking administrator and it is he who must ruthlessly and mercilessly weed out such parasitic elements.

Government's seeming ineffectiveness in matters sporting is most inexplicable. Never has a time been more opportune for pushing through progressive changes for the benefit of Indian sport — yet, government has thought it fit to let matters drift.

The prevailing atmosphere of "discipline, dedication and duty" is most conducive to purging our sport of its cancerous weeds and at the same time introducing bold measures, unpopular though these may be.

Now is the time to take up the question of integrating study and sport at the school-level all over the country. Sport must be made a compulsory subject for school-children, like the 3 R's, geography and geometry, prose and poetry. The centre should not disclaim its own responsibility by pointing out that "education" is a state subject. There are ways and means of making states toe the line and the union education ministry must now exert all its pressure and influence to compel states to effect the necessary changes.

Another area in which the government has sadly been silent is the question of providing facilities for sport. India has the human resources, the talent — but, pray, where is the infrastructure in which it can develop and flourish? Take the

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PLUS REGULAR FEATURES

COVER: B. P. Govinda, dashing mover in India's hockey forward line, is also vice-captain of the team to Montreal. Transparency: Hasev Mistry.

Spot-the-ball contest

The response to the second contest of this series was overwhelming. We hope readers will bear with us while we sift through the mountain of entries. Look-out for the solution and the list of winners in the issue dated June 6, 1976. We regret the delay

sphere of providing open spaces for healthy recreation — and maintaining the ones already existing, saving them from the ravages of avaricious builders who care a fig for sport.

Is anything being done about coaching, talent spotting, assistance to retired and disabled sportsmen, sports scholarships — besides instituting a few formal, scattered, 'showpiece' schemes—playing kit and gear which is within easy reach of the ordinary citizen? It is depressing when one compares what is being done with what must be done — but far worse, the problem assumes positively tragic proportions when one realises that what is being done falls far short of what could be done, even given all our limitations and shortcomings.

It is perhaps only a sign of the times that the Indian women's hockey team has had to withdraw from the World Cup for, of all things, lack of necessary finance. India were winners the last time out at Madras and fourth in the last World Tournament. It is certainly within government's power to check this slide. So far, government has displayed a strange reluctance to use the undoubted power it possesses. The tragedy of Indian sport has been that there is a pathetic lack of men of conviction and guts. Surely government can change all this!

Rowe to go back?

LAWRENCE ROWE will know soon whether he is a three time loser on tour with the West Indies

This gifted Jamaican batsman, a legend in the Caribbean by the time he was 25, is suffering from sinusitis and faces the heartbreak of being sent home from his third tour in three years.

The illness, which dogged him throughout Australia during the winter, flared up again last week, forcing him off the field in the opening fixture against Surrey and keeping him out of the match with Hampshire.

New West Indies manager Clyde Walcott says he will make a statement soon after studying the doctor's report.

And there must be a real possibility that Rowe will have to make way for a replacement—especially since another top batsman Alvin Kallicharman is suffering from fibrositis in his right forearm which considerably restricts his left-handed stroke play.

Rowe's career, which took off in 1972 when he scored 214 and 100 not out on his Test debut

by PAT GIBSON



against New Zealand has been blighted by injury and illness.

He had to quit the 1973 England tour with torn ankle ligaments that had already put him out of two home Tests against Australia the previous winter.

Then he was struck down by eye trouble during the 1974-75 expedition to India and had to fly back for an operation.

His latest sinus trouble puts

a huge question mark over his future.

It is a tragedy. For in his relatively short career the 27-year-old Rowe has touched peaks that are only attained by batsmen of the highest class.

Four successive centuries at his native Kingston launched him. Then, when people were saying that was the only place he could make runs, he hit 100 in 302 at Bridgetown in 1974 and added two more centuries in the series.

That lifted him into a category where West Indians place only their greatest players. But his misfortune since — and a record of only 314 runs in his past 16 Test innings — have sadly tarnished the image.

If a replacement is required the selectors may go for Irving Shillingford, a 32-year-old batsman from the Windward Islands, who just missed being chosen to tour England 10 years ago.

His form this winter was outstanding with 61, 111 and 85 in his only three Shesh Shild innings and 12* against the Indian tourists at St. Vincent.

Richards pounds Hants

ALBERT PADMORE, tall, bearded Barbadian successor to Lance Gibbs as West Indies' off spinner, snapped up five for 49 to bring his first match in England, to a swift conclusion.

While the pace of Michael Holding and Van Holder kept Hampshire gropping nervously at one end, 29-year-old Paddy tiptoed in at the other to steal the spoils and hurry the county to defeat by an innings and 88 runs.

It will look good in the book but neither the West Indies nor Padmore will be carried away by his bloodless success against a weakened Hampshire side that was not much above second eleven standard.

Hampshire were missing Andy Roberts and Gordon Greenidge — members of the West Indies party — and Barry Richards, Mike Taylor, Bob Stephenson and Tom Mottram, through injury, while Peter Sainsbury could not bat in his second innings because of an injured thumb.



Viv Richards' torrent of runs still flowing

If Padmore's success couldn't really give the Windies a boost, then surely Viv Richards' form must. The torrent of runs that has flowed from his bat this year shows no sign of drying up.

A majestic 176 means he has now made seven centuries since a desperate West Indies asked him to open against Tasmania in January.

Four of them have been at Test level — one against Australia in Melbourne, three in successive Tests against India, back home in the Caribbean. All four were an infinitely greater examination of his calibre than his latest epic against Hampshire, crippled at tack.

Yet with a new series starting on June 3, it was ominous for England to see the self-discipline of the 24-year-old from Antigua facing the likes of Herman, Jesty, Rice and Southern.

Such was his determination to play a long innings that it took

Dicky's a tough Bird

by DENIS COMPTON

THERE will be little likelihood of a bumper war in the Test series with the West Indies this summer — or rather, I can guarantee that there will not be one in the second Test match at Lord's or in the fifth game at the Oval.

Why am I so sure? For the reason that "Dicky" Bird, whom I consider to be our No 1 umpire, will be standing.

Harold Dennis Bird ('You know, I do prefer to be called 'Harold''), 42 years old, who lives with his mother in a bungalow called "The Wickets" just outside Barnsley, has the firmest of views on controlling a first class cricket match.

Harold, who just lives for cricket (he spends the winter "doing a bit of coaching and umpiring" in South Africa) tells me "I can assure you of one thing there will be no intimidation by fast bowlers of either side when I am umpiring."

"However, having said that, I must emphasise that I am fully aware that the short pitched ball is an important part of the bowler's armoury. Every established batsman must accept that he will have to contend with this type of delivery."

But Harold then went on to hand out a stern warning. He said: "I am very much opposed to the bouncer being bowled to the tail end batsmen. If and when it happens, I will immediately call the bowler to order and let him know that under no circumstances do I agree with it."

'As you know, Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson are two of the most formidable bowlers in the world. In the quarter final of the Prudential Cup between Australia and the West Indies at the Oval last June, I called both bowlers together



Umpire 'Dicky' Bird no bailing Jeff Thomson

after Lillee had bowled two consecutive short pitched balls but not to tailenders.

In a most friendly manner I told them that I would not tolerate persistent bouncers. And from then on they did not cause me any problems whatever.

This I think is the right approach Harold Bird, one of those level headed, strictly no nonsense types so invaluable in cricket.

Having played as a batsman for Yorkshire and Leicestershire, he knows what it is all about. Now he talks to the players firmly but in a friendly manner and he obtains results. Most players respect him for it.

Next to the persistent bouncer, the aspect of the modern day game which concerns me most is gamesmanship — something which has become evident in all cricketing countries.

For many years — even before I began playing! — the Aussies were noted for their demonstrative appealing. This was accepted, even expected and became part of the Test match scene.

But, nowadays, it is getting out of hand. Almost every time the ball beats the bat or taps the pads the familiar yell goes up — even sometimes from cover point or fine leg!

Such stupid appealing has spread since the growth of one day cricket. As Harold Bird says: "The reason for it is that they don't always expect the umpire's decision to be in their favour but it at least distracts the batsman enough to prevent him attempting a quick single."

I suppose this new trend has developed because of the greater incentives and rewards now being offered.

What a pity some of the present players do not follow the example of one of England's greatest wicketkeepers, Godfrey Evans.

In all the years I played against and with him in county and Test cricket all over the world he never appealed unless he genuinely believed the batsman to be out. If he had he might have snaffled a few more victims — but that was not Godfrey's way.

Professionalism is one thing, enjoyment of the game is another. A happy blend of both is what most of us would enjoy in his season and so too would Harold Bird.

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him an hour and 37 minutes more to get his century.

Then as if satisfied his defensive technique was in good working order for the sterner battles to come, the powerful Somerset stroke player unveiled the vast repertoire that makes his batting one of the finest sights in world cricket today.

With Richards dominating the short second day, the rest of the West Indian batsmen were happy to take batting practice and ease themselves gently into English conditions.

Alvin Kalicharan, still searching for form, was almost an hour and a half over 36. And Collis King struggled just as long for 21.

But Larry Gomes added 56 to

the 85 he made against Surrey and helped Richards put on 123 in 90 minutes for the fourth wicket.

Earlier, veteran fast bowler Vanburn Holder, making his third tour of England, destroyed the inexperienced Hampshire batting when, with a typical steady piece of seam bowling, he took five wickets for 44 as the county reeled to 152 all out.

But the most significant bowling of the day came from 22 year old Holding, probably the fastest bowler in the world, who took two for 28 in 11 overs.

On his first appearance in a first class match in England he found his rhythm and showed that he is capable of great pace. In Australia last winter he was timed electronically and was found to be quicker

than Jeff Thomson. Dennis Lillee and teammate Andy Roberts.

The West Indians also showed that they are going to be a dull side to watch in the field.

Although the holders ran from one end to the other after each over and they deserve credit for this, they will be hard pressed to average more than 13 or 14 overs an hour.

I thought Holding also showed a tendency to bowl too many short balls — he is such a fine bowler that he does not need to use the bouncer except as an occasional weapon.

The scores Hampshire 152 and 131.

West Indians 171 for 6 dec)

IA protest, then crash

SPORTSWEEK Correspondent

INDIAN AIRLINES have made a vital contribution to Indian hockey over the last decade. They have an exciting plan to recruit, train and develop a ready batch of replacements for the veterans who must call it a day. They have known success in almost every major competition in the country. But it is a pity that their team-managers are not loathe to encourage protests on points of fact when they have been beaten.

Indian Airlines could have bowed out of the Aga Khan Cup Hockey Tournament with the sympathy of fans throughout the length and breadth of the country. Umpire Maurice Pinto appeared to have done them a serious injustice in their great-hearted battle against Punjab Police (Jullundur) at their first meeting in the remaining quarter-final of the competition. He disallowed a penalty-corner goal by Inam-ur-Rehman for "sticks" and then awarded a 16-yard free-hit instead of a penalty-stroke when a goal-bound push by the runaway Paneerselvam struck the foot of Surjit Singh who was rushing in to tackle him.

Umpire Maurice Pinto was considered by many to be the villain of the piece as Indian Airlines, two goals in arrears early on, battled courageously to try and force another meeting. They were narrowly beaten by the odd goal



Tata's Kuttappa appeals as BSF's Parminder obstructs him. BSF won 1-0

in three. Indian Airlines protested on a point of fact — the denial of a penalty-stroke by umpire Maurice Pinto. The casting vote of the chairman of the Tournament Committee, the jovial Inderjit Rai, made sure that the protest was upheld.

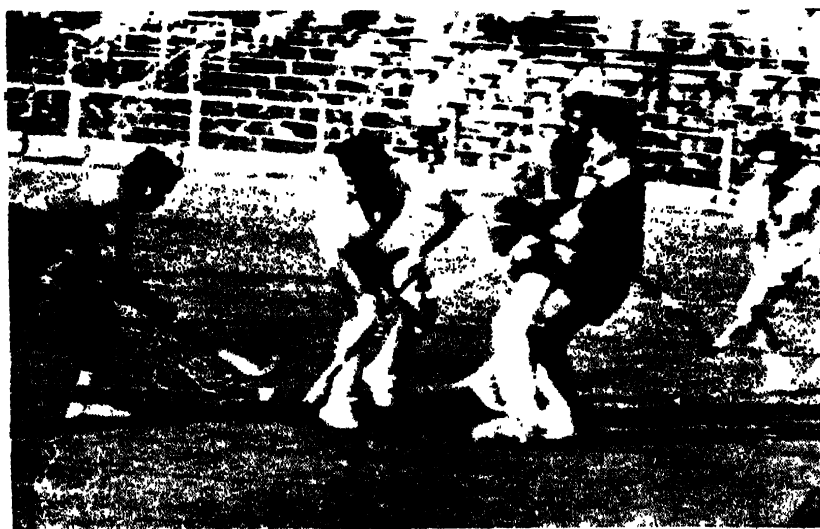
Both the nominated representatives of the Bombay Hockey Association on the Tournament Committee — K. L. Passi and P. S.

Sujana — resigned on the issue. The BHA declined to be a party to an unhealthy and unprecedented decision.

Umpire Maurice Pinto maintained that his award of a 16-yard free-hit was correct. He said that he saw no infringement. But one of the three members of the Technical Committee, Vernon Alexander, was of the opinion that Inam had scored a perfectly good goal and that the penalty-stroke should have been awarded in favour of the Airlines. What 3000 pairs of eyes saw may have escaped the notice of the umpire. Unfortunately, there is no remedy for such errors of judgement. They certainly cannot be found in the committee room!

The protest replay did not meet with popular approval. On the contrary, it provided a handle for lively debate and umpire Maurice Pinto was cheered as a hero when Punjab Police trounced Indian Airlines by six goals to nil at their third meeting. The cat-calls and jeers of those who felt that poetic justice had been done were reserved for the committee box.

Punjab Police are a fast and workmanlike outfit. But much of their play is ruined by the belli-



ICF goalkeeper Huggins rushes out to foil IA's Monappa. IA won 1-0

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gerent attitude of two of their senior players, Narinder and Balbir. Both are short-tempered and are inclined to vent their spleen as much on their colleagues as the opposition. Narinder is a strong, determined and skilful half-back. He may have played for India. He ruined his own chances of selection by his rough-and-ready tactics and the viciousness with which he can hit an opponent on the follow through. He has been shown the yellow card more often than any other player in the game. But he continues to pursue his wayward course with missionary zeal!

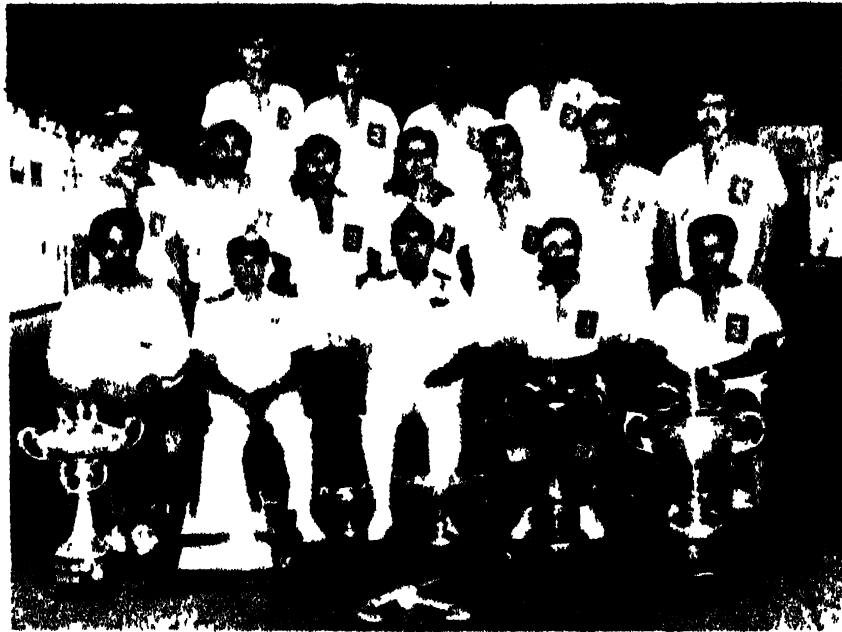
Balbir, a former Olympian, has grown cantankerous. He even chided Surjit Singh, a tenacious right half-back, when Punjab Police led by four goals to nil against Indian Airlines. He was just as critical of his own players in the first-leg semi-final against Eastern Railway which produced more infringements and deliberate fouls than good hockey. But the rugged policemen from Jullundur met their match in the robust Railway men from Calcutta who have rough tacklers and hard hitters in Ashok Kumar, Manjit Singh and Haider.

The Airlines are not the same sleek force without their stars — Govinda, Ashok Kumar, Aslam Sher Khan and Mehboob Khan — who are on national duty. They fielded their best possible team for their third meeting against Punjab Police. But their intermediate line cracked against the blistering pace set by the Police forwards. Misbah and Firoz, a nicely-actioned deep defender, worked themselves to a standstill. But they could not plug the gaps left by the men in front of them and Gurdip, who played for India in the Rene Frank International at Madras, and inside left Surinder had a field day. Each got two goals before the break. Gurdip should have been credited with a few more. He hit the up right on three occasions. Devinder, a fierce penalty-corner drive, and Gurmail completed the rout.

Tata are an unpredictable lot. They can be up in the clouds one moment and down in the dumps the next. A late goal by Kutappa, who is inclined to attempt far too much, gave them a replay against Border Security Force who should think in serious terms of replacements for their veterans like Uddham Singh and Tarsem. Tata's could not find an equaliser to an early goal in the replay. Kalaiiah missed chances galore. Both he and Kutappa behaved in a petulant manner and hurled their sticks around in disgust.

The in-built weaknesses in the BSF outfit were highlighted by ASC (Jullundur). The winners of the Beighton Cup and the Guru Teghbahadur Gold Cup enhanced

NAVY BAG SIX TROPHIES



The Navy hockey team with their haul of trophies

IX trophies in their bag. That is the achievement of the Indian Navy hockey team during the 1975-76 season. It was a highly successful season for this young team, ably coached by NIS-trained P S Rai. They won the Bombay Hockey League and the Bombay Championships, the All-India Nehru Memorial Gold Cup at Raipur and the All-India Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial tournament at Guna. They were runners-up in the Services championship and the Invitation tournament at Ujjain.

The Navy's string of successes is largely due to the well-planned programme with systematic and scientific training which commenced during the monsoon in August with conditioning and long-distance

running, water and sand running, weight training and physical exercises and other recreational games like basketball, handball and even football.

Systematic match practice commenced only in October which included four and half hours training in two sessions a day and four practice matches a week.

The Navy selected 32 players last season and two teams 'A' and 'B' were formed. All the players were provided with excellent facilities, full playing kit and good diet throughout the season. The average age of the team is 24 and the players selected are expected to serve the team for a number of years to come.

—S K

their chances for a glorious triple by gaining a two-one advantage over BSF at their first meeting in the double-leg semi-final and then holding on to it in their second meeting, which ended goalless.

The crafty veteran Balbir played deep down at right half-back and collected the loose balls and put them to good use much in the manner in which Claudius did in the twilight of his illustrious career. But ASC banked heavily on the speed and thrust of the mercurial and mobile Vincent Lakra for their counter-attacks.

Vincent Lakra, a great opportunist, darted in to convert an in-direct attempt from a corner. Vinod Kumar, who is doing yeoman service for BSF, got the

equaliser from a penalty-corner. And then Toppo put ASC in front once again with a crisp penalty corner drive. His shot was clean as a whistle.

Parminder is the fastest and the most skilful of the BSF forwards. It is a pity that Tarsem and Uddham cannot keep pace with his ideas. Ekka on the left wing is a dead loss and yet BSF have got as far as the semi-finals.

Bombay Gym. offer

THE tournament committee of the Aga Khan Cup conducted by the Bombay Gymkhana has given a generous donation of Rs. 2,001 to the Sports Journalists Association of Bombay.

From here and there

THE latest ranking list of the International Squash Players' Association has just been announced.

Geoff Hunt (Australia) and Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan) stay at one and two, with former world champion Qamar Zaman dropping down to fourth.

Top ten: 1. Hunt; 2. Mohibullah; 3. Gogi Alauddin; 4. Qamar; 5. Hiddy Jahan; 6. Cam Nancarrow; 7. Barrington; 8. Hiscoe; 9. Roland Watson; 10. Ahmed Safwat.

CALCUTTA footballers will not be available for the Indian team participating in the next Merdeka Football Tournament as they will be engaged at that time in the Senior Division League matches in Calcutta, according to the Indian Football Association (IFA) governing body.

It also decided to invite China, Iran and North Korea to take part in the ensuing IFA Shield Football Tournament.

THE AICS has cleared a 38-member Indian contingent for the Montreal Olympics. The break-up is: Hockey: 16 players, 2 officials; Weightlifting: 1, (Anil Mondal); Shooting: 4 + 2; Boxing: 2 + 3 (1 official, 1 medical officer, 1 masseur). Air Chief Marshall O. P. Mehra will be the chef-de-mission.



During his recent visit to Delhi, SPORTSWEEK's Managing Editor, Khalid Ansari called on President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed at the Rashtrapati Bhavan and discussed a variety of topics, including sport. The President is an avid golfer and a keen tennis player

THE West Indies cricket Board of Control (WICBC) recently announced a ban on any official overseas team which had toured South Africa or Rhodesia. The ban came in a policy statement following a three-day Board meeting at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

The statement said that no official team from any country which had toured South Africa or Rhodesia would be welcome in the West Indies "unless and until there is complete multi-racial cricket and teams are selected solely on merit in those countries."

GEORGE DAVIS, the London cabbie who was sentenced to a 17-year jail term, has been released following a royal pardon which came just a year after the original sentence was passed.

Davis hit the world's sporting headlines when the "Free George Davis" campaign erupted on the Headingley pitch during the third cricket Test between England and Australia last year. Vandals had dug up the pitch, causing the Test to be abandoned.

O Lord, the ladies are here!

LORD'S, cricket's High Temple and one of the last bastions of male chauvinism, finally surrendered to the persuasive charms of Rachael Heyhoe Flint — and no one was more surprised than Rachael.

It was early last week that Lord's issued a brief statement which said that the ladies of England and Australia would play there, instead of Sunbury, on Wednesday, August 4.

The response of Mrs. Heyhoe Flint, captain of England's women's team, was notable only for its lack of her usual originality. "I can't believe it."

Even more disquieting, for the staid brigade among MCC's membership, is that Mrs. Heyhoe Flint could actually participate at Lord's early next month.

She may be invited to play in the charity match between

the Lord's Taverners and the President of the MCC's Eleven on June 6.

"I am a member of the Taverners and Jim Laker, who selects the team, has suggested I might play," she said. "I'd love Rachael to play and I shall pick her," said Jim.

But he might run into some opposition from Lord's where certain factions are worried that Rachael's presence in a match of Royal proportions — Prince Philip is President of the MCC, and Prince Charles, President of the Taverners — would be regarded as a gimmick.

Jack Bailey, secretary of MCC, explained: "One or two Taverners have mentioned Rachael's name, but the policy so far has been to gather two teams on the same lines as last year. It is a policy unlikely to be changed."



Muhammad Ali set at rest all doubts that he is on the decline when he stopped European champion Richard Dunn in the fifth round of their title fight at Munich on May 24

Tips to young cricketers — 21

THE early years of a young cricketer, before proper facilities are available, are vital in his development. It requires keenness and enthusiasm to gain the most benefit in this period—a willingness to play at every possible opportunity whatever the conditions, so that natural ability can be harnessed into a technique which will bring reward in later years.

The important point to remember in those early years from say, the ages of eight to 12, is not to overtax one's limited strength by playing on full-sized pitches with proper cricket balls and large bats—it is of much greater advantage to limit the length of the pitch according to one's age and size and use a tennis ball rather than a cricket ball, not only because it eliminates nasty knocks caused by rough pitches, but because it is smaller and can be more easily grasped. Bats of a large variety of sizes are available and one which allows for a comfortable stance should be used if possible.

The learning of this wonderful game is never really completed. Every time the greatest of Test players appears, whether it is in a country town match, a district competition, an inter-State or Test cricket match, he is constantly seeking to improve his performance, to fashion his repertoire of strokes, his bowling and fielding skills.

Indeed, you are practising every time you take a bat or ball in your hands, but it is at the nets where mistakes can be made without lowering confidence. From the time you graduate into a school team from those humble beginnings, it is, however, important to ensure you get the best out of your net practice. Never approach it lackadaisically, as if you merely have to go through half-hearted

How to practice properly

motions. You may fall into habits through this attitude which will cost you dearly in matches.

Often you will hear it said that certain cricketers are great practice wicket players, but hopeless in a match, or hopeless in the nets, but match-winners when serious play begins. Try not to join either category. Persevere. Try to make practice a full-dress rehearsal for what you intend to do in matches.

Net practice is used mainly for three purposes (1) for development of natural ability from the experience gained by constant batting, bowling or fielding; (2) for assessing one's own ability and limitations, and; (3) for experimenting with possible changes which are deemed advisable by coaches or the player himself.

It is a serious matter and should be treated as such — too many players, including top-liners waste their practice by treating it lightly and not applying themselves to it as seriously as they would a match.

Much advice is given to young players by many different people in an earnest desire to help them. Some of this is good, some bad, and one of the great problems is to judge what is reliable. Practice is certainly the place to try out different ideas but remember that most advice given is based on the copybook theoretical methods and very few, if any, players have both the style and ability to play precisely according to the text book.

It requires a thorough knowledge of one's own game to work out if the advice is sound, but always listen to it, consider it, try it and

it is beneficial, persevere with it—if not, do not completely forget the advice but store it in the back of the mind, for with improvement and slight alteration in style it could ultimately be useful.

The danger to beware of when making any changes is that by eliminating one weakness, a whole host of new problems appear. Often a batsman has changed his grip or stance to overcome a weakness only to find that the effectiveness of his major scoring shots is reduced. Thus it is essential to study one's own game, to establish the strengths and weaknesses, and to be able to assess beforehand what effect a change will make on it.

Release each aspect of the game individually—first by batting—it is equally important in practice that each ball should be treated according to its merit with perhaps a more aggressive approach than in a match. Without fear of getting out, shots can be developed in the nets until, after much practice, they become so natural that they are played in matches without any apparent effort.

When you are out of form, it is also a good idea to try to be aggressive in the nets, to hit one's way out of the tentative approach caused by lack of confidence. Aggression does not imply trying to hit every ball out of the ground, particularly amongst young players. This is a complete waste of time.

No, aggression means a firm, confident approach to playing strokes. Perhaps you have been getting out through nibbling at balls outside the off stump, or maybe you have been hitting your drives in the air and being caught through failing to get to the pitch of the ball. Whatever the cause of your most recent dismissals, go to the nets determined to eliminate these faults.

Ian Craig in Cricket,
the Australian Way
(to be continued)

Statisticians corner

BEDI, B. S.

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v West Indies	15	21	3	116	20*	6.44	—	—	6	—	4679	233	1839	55	33.43	1	—	5-82
v New Zealand	9	13	2	105	30	9.54	—	—	6	—	2680	148	801	35	22.88	2	—	6-42
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v Australia	4	6	3	3	1*	1.00	—	—	1	—	934	43	363	10	36.30	—	—	4-50
v West Indies	11	17	10	37	10*	5.28	—	—	4	—	3339	122	1748	53	32.98	3	1	7-157
v New Zealand	5	5	2	6	4*	2.00	—	—	3	—	1366	52	586	19	30.84	1	—	6-94
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Greig: England first, last & all

by CRAWFORD WHITE



TONY GREIG is the outstanding personality of world cricket.

As captain of Sussex, Australian club side Waverley, and again of England he is becoming the most successful business-tycoon in sport.

In Australia last winter he featured in more than 20 TV commercials.

Inevitably, this development has provoked the fear that Greig could be diverted from his greatest talent and commercial assets—his cricket.

That fear, I believe, can be dismissed. One of Greig's greatest capacities is for keeping his feet on the ground by getting his priorities right.

He knows this is the most crucial time in his career.

Before he climbed into the new, gleaming-white Jaguar that now sweeps him around the country,

a tour to be ducked by England players. It is a great and stimulating experience for any cricketer.

"The last one, in 1972, did more for my cricket than anything I have known. Certainly it improved my technique against spin and I am looking forward to going there again because I am now bowling spinners myself.

"I would also like to clear up any misunderstandings about my plans and business interests in Australia.

"First and foremost — as I did before I went to Australia last winter — I have put everything before the authorities at Lord's and nothing will be undertaken without their full approval.

"I have told them I would like to go back to Australia when our county season is finished to carry

Tony Greig, reappointed England skipper for the series against the West Indies, has been accused of putting business before cricket and attempting to duck the India tour this winter. Far from it, retorts Greig, it's England first, and as for India, it's a great and stimulating experience

he explained in a candid interview just what his priorities are:

1. To keep Sussex well up in the county championship table we now lead. At least one of the major competitions is also in my sights, for I believe we have the talent coming through to win one.

2 To win my place again in the England side and justify appointment for another series as captain—for I believe we can beat the West Indies in what should be a tremendous series.

3. To get to India in the winter with the England side . . . if possible as captain — if not, in any other capacity.

Greig explained: "Jim Laker got his facts wrong in his recent article on me. So it is doubly important we get them straight now.

"I have always said that any man worth his salt will, if picked, play for England — whether at home or anywhere abroad.

"To play for England is the ultimate for any sportsman. That is something I passionately believe.

"Having said that many times it would be stupid of me, as Jim Laker suggested, to try to sneak out of any tour. Least of all India, which is the tour where I enjoyed my cricket as much as anywhere in my life.

"For, contrary to what is too often belied, India is no longer

on working for the people who were so good to me last winter. But only until I am needed to report for India. That, and the needs of England, have complete priority.

"There is a gap of nearly two months between the end of our season and the take-off for India and my aim would be gently to keep fit by playing Saturday afternoon cricket— with two net sessions a week— with my Waverley club side.

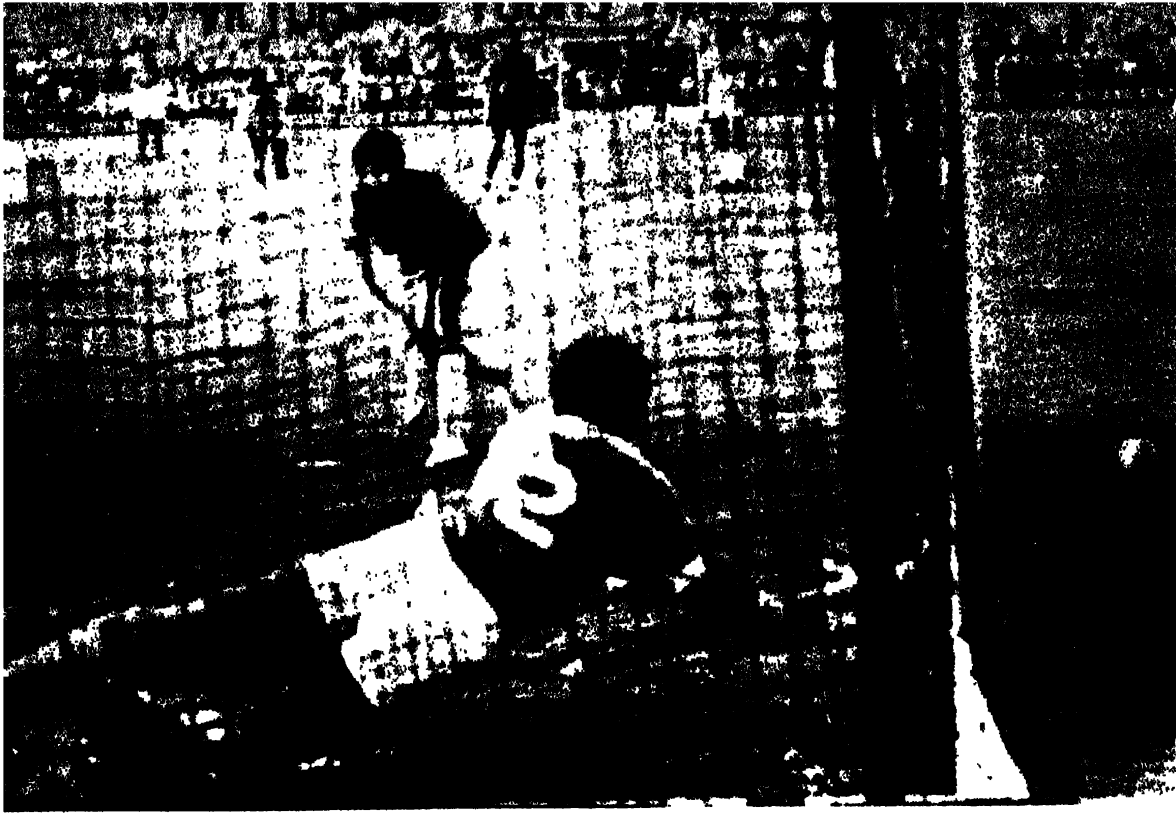
"And again my slip there would be to practice the hard-wicket spinners' techniques I am likely to be called on to bowl in India.

"That plus some straightforward promotional work with some business firms, would be the extent of my commitment. Just as clearly I emphasise that whether I undertake it or not is entirely subject to Lord's and the Test and County Cricket Board.

"I APPRECIATE THAT THE POSITION I HOLD AS CAPTAIN OF ENGLAND IS THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR TO WHATEVER PLAYING OR BUSINESS SUCCESS I NOW ENJOY

"I would be a fool to jeopardise that in any way and I don't intend to do so.

"It is England first, last and all the time as far as I am concerned"



Indian Airlines goalkeeper Qamar Ali dives to foil this penalty-stroke effort by ICF's Oomar. Airlines won 1-0

AGA KHAN HOCKEY

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Firoze of Indian Airlines just about manages to effect a goal-line save as ICF's Murugesh's shot beats goalkeeper Qamar Ali. The other Airlines defender is Misbah while Kumaravelu (ICF) looks on anxiously



There were some exciting matches in the Aga Khan Hockey tournament at the Bombay Gymkhana, during the last week. The highlight was the IA-Punjab Police match which was ordered to be replayed after IA's protest had been upheld. At left, Misbah, the Airlines defender is engaged in a tackling duel with Punjab Police's Balbir Singh in that controversial match which ended with Punjab Police 'winning' 2-1. Above: On the same day, BSF drew with Tata, 1-1, before winning 1-0 in the replay. Here, BSF's Swaran Singh dispossesses Tata's Jani Mohideen, even as Mohinder (left) rushes in to help. Above right: A tense moment near the South-Central goal as goalkeeper Gomez is beaten. But substitute attacker Prasad's shot went wide. Calcutta Customs won this match 4-0. Right: Southern Railway's goalkeeper Muthukrishnan goes down on his knees in a desperate bid to foil Sikh Regimental Centre's Balbir. Ramesh keeps a watchful eye from the goal-line. Southern won 1-0.



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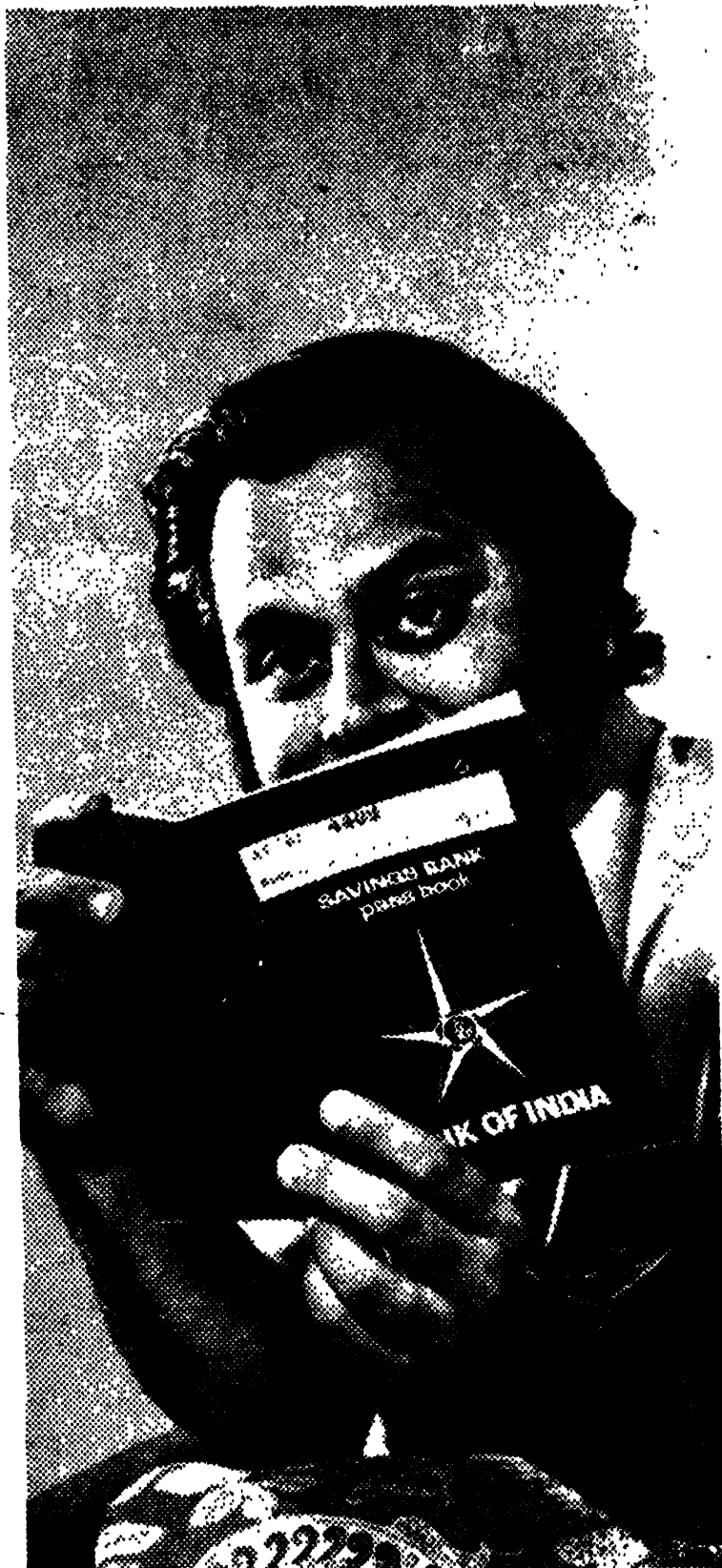
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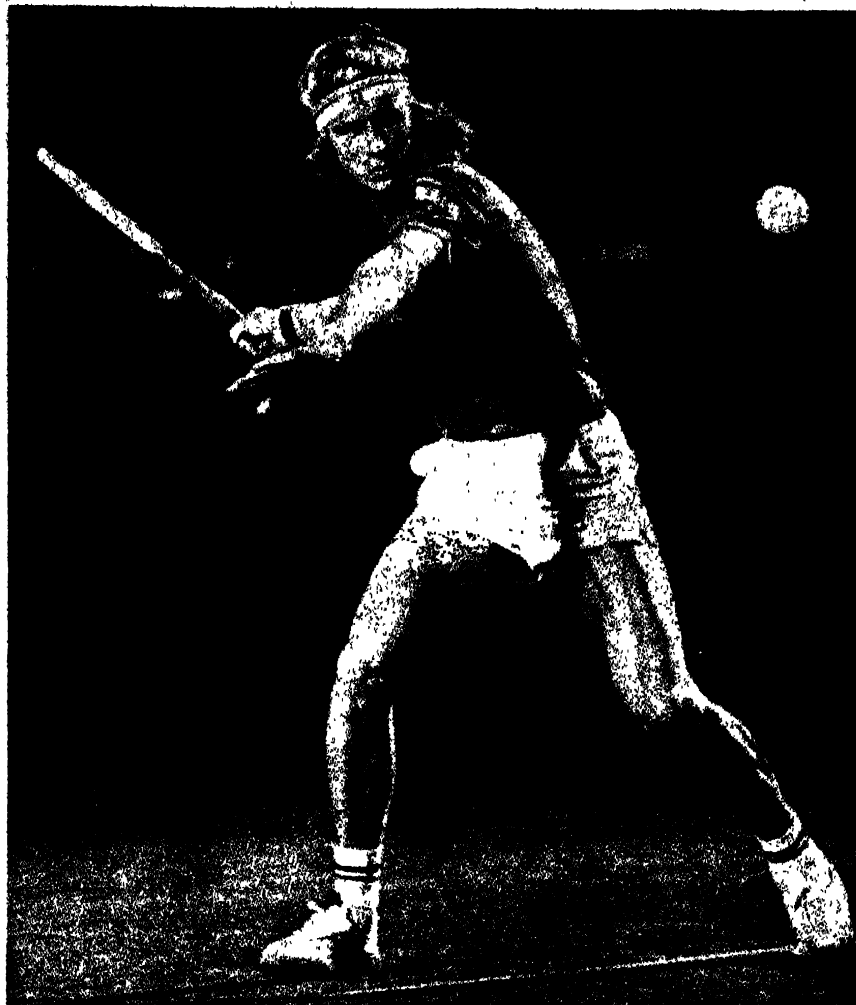


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BORG IS BORG'S ENEMY



Bjorn Borg . . . on course for a big haul of titles

DALLAS:
BJORN BORG is on course for the biggest haul of tennis titles in modern times

But the person most likely to stop the slim, blonde Swede pulling off the remarkable coup of the World Championship Tennis title and the Wimbledon and the United States Open crowns in the same summer is Bjorn Borg.

The Swedish teenager—he won't be 20 until the first week of the French title in June — has set himself a schedule that would have made a medieval torture expert shudder.

His main target now is a major grass court title — which means Wimbledon — and a victory at Forest Hills.

Yet as he tucked the £25,000 winner's cheque into his track-suit pocket after taking the WCT trophy last week, Borg looked pale and drained.

Okay, he's 19 and fitter than a

US marine. But Borg left Dallas for exhibition matches against Billy Martin, the top American teenager, in three different cities before flying to Hawaii for the winner-take-all Avis Challenge Cup series against Ilie Nastase, Arthur Ashe and Ken Rosewall over the next two weekends.

Then he goes direct to Dusseldorf, Germany for a tournament before defending the French Open title he has now held for two years.

After that Borg has a week in England to practice on grass before Wimbledon, then he has Davis Cup matches for defending nation Sweden before going to Forest Hills.

It is a schedule that frightens Borg's coach, adviser and father figure Lennart Bergelin.

He said before Borg's 1-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-1 destruction of his close friend and practice partner Guillermo Vilas in Dallas: "The trouble for Borg is that he works too hard."

"He must have more rest and when we set down his schedule for next year he will have to take things more easily. Otherwise I fear he could crack up."

by IAN BARNES

Borg admits: "I am in need of a rest now but I have commitments that have to be fulfilled."

The other point, of course, is money. It is rolling in almost faster than Borg and Bergelin can count it.

The three exhibition matches which Borg played against Rod Laver and John Newcombe, twice, the week before he came to Dallas were worth at least £3,000 each.

His WCT winner's cheque added £25,000 to the £47,000 he had won in eight WCT tour events since January.

He is already on the way to passing £100,000 that he has earned in each of the past two years. And if he beats Nastase next week he will win another £25,000 and the right to face Ashe or Rosewall in a £50,000 prize fight the following week.

So it's not surprising that Borg says he is going into hiding "somewhere in England" in the week before Wimbledon.

It should save the Swedish idol from appearing to his teeny-bopper fans in London as a worn out old man before he has had time to enjoy being a boy.

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Know Your Stars ...

Hanuman Singh

[I was the chance observation of the skills of Abbas Moontasir during the inter-railway championship at Ajmer in 1969 which inspired me to take up basketball seriously]

I was born in December, 1950, at Bhagwanpura in the Nagore district of Rajasthan, in a family of sportsmen. But none played basketball, probably because the game was not so popular in those days. My father being in the army, I was educated at the King George's (now Military) School, Ajmer.

I used to play football, hockey and cricket for my school. Yes, I also captained the school teams in all these games. I was most proficient in football. Also, it was my family's desire that I should don India colours in football. But as luck would have it, I represented the country in basketball instead of football.

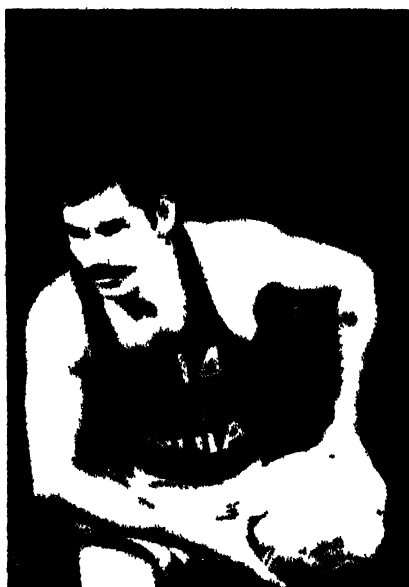
In school my games master used to call me to play basketball but I was not at all interested. Then in 1969, the inter-railway championship was held for the first time at Ajmer. Apart from Abbas, I had the golden opportunity of watching international stars like Mathews, Ali Pasha, Munnuswamy and V. K. Sharma. This completely transformed my outlook towards the game and I fell head over heels for it.

Soon, on joining Government College, Ajmer, I came under the wing of the well-known coach Bhagwan Singhji. He polished my basics. To him goes the credit of moulding my game. Whatever little I have achieved, I owe it completely to Guruji—as he is respectfully called by everyone.

No, I did not pursue my football career very seriously during my college days as we did not have a good coach. Even then I did represent Rajasthan University and Rajasthan state in football.

In my first year of representative basketball in 1969, I was chosen captain of the Rajasthan University side. We created history by winning the north zone title for the first time. I played four years in a row for the university and twice we were all-India champions.

Yes, 1969 was also the year when I made my maiden appearance



for Rajasthan at the Calcutta nationals. In the following years I played for Rajasthan at Trivandrum (1971), Pune (1972) and Madras (1973) nationals. I led the side twice at Pune and at the Ujjain pre Asian in 1973. We were the bronze medallists both times.

My first foreign trip was in 1971 when I played for India in the sixth ABC at Tokyo. I was represented by the Olympic indoor stadium. On my return I was very

much richer in experience. I went abroad again in 1973 for the seventh ABC at Manila. In both we stood sixth.

I joined Western Railway in 1974. Thus my wish to play with my idol Abbas was fulfilled. I played for Railways at the Delhi and the Calcutta nationals.

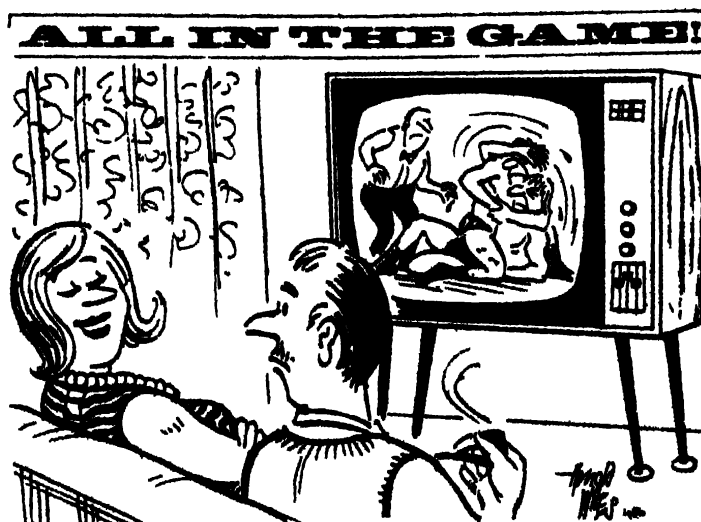
I was chosen for the Indian team which participated in the eighth ABC at Bangkok towards the end of last year. This was my third consecutive Asian championship. I am happy that it was also the best, as we stood fourth.

Yes, I think my best match was the one against holders Philippines at Bangkok. We defeated them by a big margin. It was a good day for me and I played very well.

Oh yes, we can do much better in the next Asian championships. Our players should get more facilities to improve ball handling and stamina. We lack only in these two. In shooting, our players are some of the best in Asia.

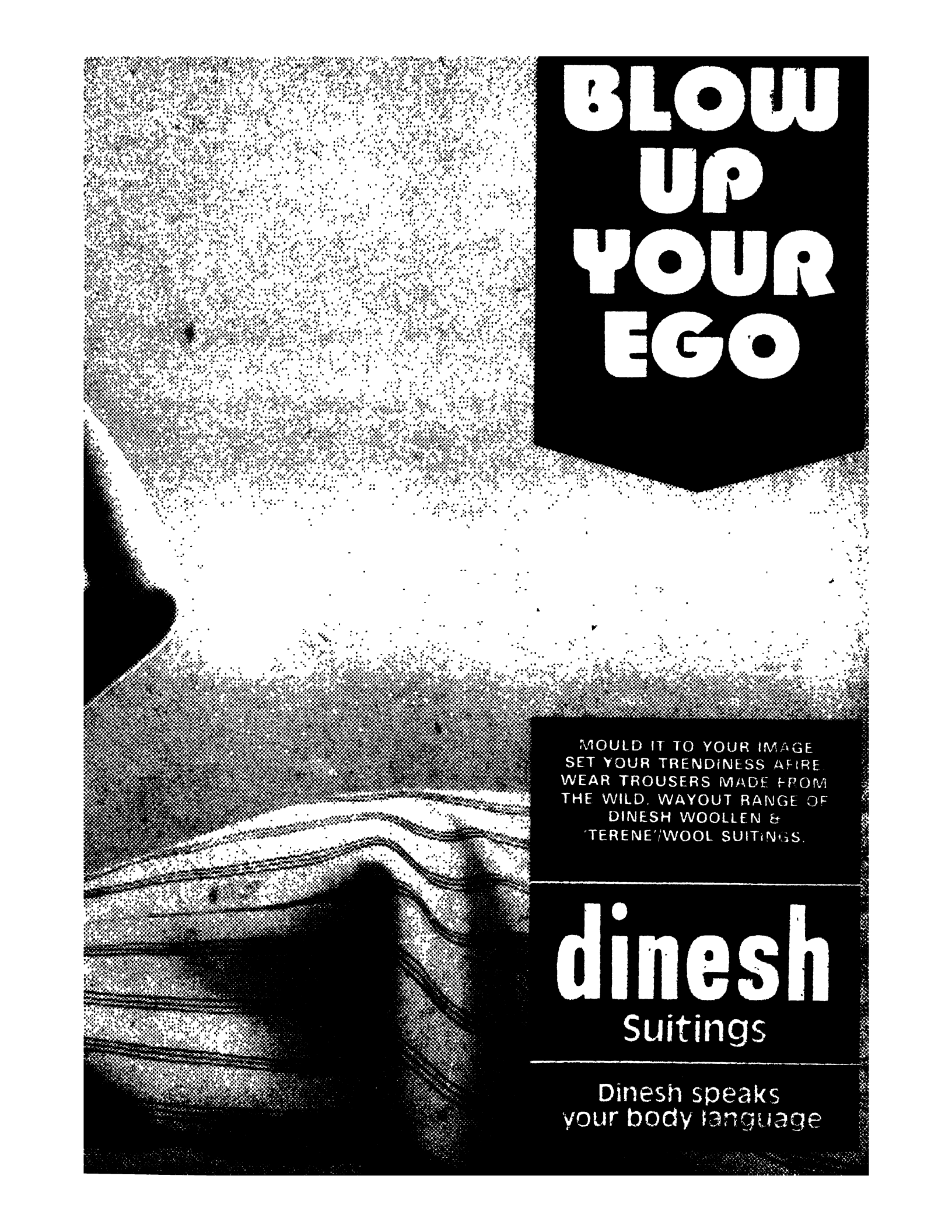
I feel I still have a long way to go. There is so much more to learn and I am ever ready to absorb whatever new techniques that are being evolved.

Text: JAVED AKHILAR



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I HAVE often been asked, "Who do you rate as the finest bridge player in the world?" It is really a difficult question to answer, for bridge is essentially a partnership game, but even so I think my vote would go to Giorgio Belladonna. Have you come across this gem which he flashed in a match against the Dallas Aces? The contract was "6 Diamonds" reached after a pre-emptive opening on his right.

Bidding:

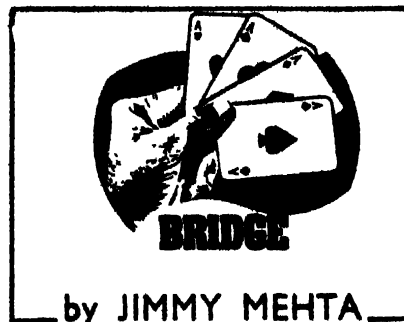
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4C	5C	P	5NT
P	6D	—	—

The opening lead was the 6 of clubs and this is what Belladonna saw

5432
K32
J42
KQ2

AQ10
A765
AKQ1053
nil

Have a shot at the contract, before I tell you how Belladonna played the hand I think the most attractive line to us lesser mortals would appear to be the discard of S10 on the club honour in dummy after ruffing out the Ace of clubs having entered dummy with the King of hearts followed by the finesse of the Queen of spades. Then heart Ace cashed and heart conceded, ruffing the last heart with the Knave of diamonds. But this was not for the maestro. He



knew with that uncanny intuition which he combines with unparalleled technical brilliance that the spade King was wrong. Giorgio discarded the 10 of spades on the established club honour in dummy, ruffed out the dummy's third club and reached this seven card ending:

5432
K32
—
—
AQ
A765
4

His left hand opponent had to make an agonising discard, having four card length in both the majors. If he discarded a heart the Ace and King of hearts would be cashed and he would be thrown in with the heart to play back into declarer's spade tenace, the established heart being the declarer's 12th trick. If on the other hand he retains his 4th heart, the Ace and Queen of spades would cook his goose establishing dummy's

two low spades. This was the entire hand:

5432
K32
J42
KQ2

KJ98
Q1084
87
643

76
J9
96
AJ109875

AQ10
A765
AKQ1053

Needless to say, his expert counterpart went for the mamma-pappa line which failed.

You have reached a contract of 4 spades on this 's out

AK4
QJ3
J10432
96
J875
432
AKQ
A2

You are playing rubber bridge

Your right hand opponent has opened the bidding with a natural 1 Club, but your left hand opponent nevertheless strikes on the lead of 10 of hearts covered by the Knave from the table and won on your right by the King. Your right hand opponent returns the King of clubs, which you win with the Ace, your left hand opponent contributing the club Knave promising the 10 of clubs. You seem doomed to a two trick set. Anyway, before abandoning the hand give it the old college try — until next week.



by

DAVID HENDERSON

NO man has ever scored 500 runs in one innings in the history of first-class cricket. This, however, is the story of the day when a batsman failed to top the half-thousand by a solitary single.

It happened on January 11, 1959, at Karachi, Pakistan, when Karachi were playing Bahawalpur.

When Karachi went in after dismissing Bahawalpur for 185 runs, one of their opening pair was Hanif Mahammad, one of five fam-

Oh, for that one run

ous Pakistani brothers, all of whom have made their mark in world cricket. But Hanif has become the greatest of them all.

Throughout most of the second and third day the little man with lightning reactions and flashing bat treated the Bahawalpur bowlers with scant respect.

As his score mounted into the four hundreds, the excited spectators began to talk about a new record, for the highest-ever innings was 452 not out, by Donald Bradman in 1930.

During the afternoon of the third day, the old record was beaten, but on went "The Little Master" and his score passed 490. Now the question on every tongue was: Could he become the first man to top the 500?

The day's play was rapidly nearing its end. There were only two overs left and Hanif knew he must

hurry if he was to reach "500" for his skipper was waiting to declare. With one ball to come of that last but one over, his score showed "496" on the board. Hanif played a gentle stroke with the intention of taking a single, which would give him the "strike" for the last over.

Unfortunately, he was too slow down the wicket and was run out. He left the field, tired and a little disappointed, to the acclaim of players and spectators. Then, even before he reached the pavilion, his total on the scoreboard was dramatically changed to "499."

The scorers had discovered a mistake in their figures (if only they could have found one more run!)

But although Hanif Mohammad had failed by a mere single to top 500 runs in an innings, he had set up a record that may never be beaten.

WCT 76—a flashback

by SUBROTO
SIRKAR

THE tennis spotlight is now on the Commercial Union Grand Prix circuit — which will stretch till end November with the Houston Masters in December and which will feature popular stars whose standing has improved further, such as new WCT champion Bjorn Borg, and lesser-known names whose WCT 76 performances have moved them to a higher echelon — like West Germany's Karl Meiler and Wojtek Fibak of Poland, who won the World Doubles Championship in Kansas City in early May

As in 1975 Anand and Vijay Amritraj featured in WCT's doubles playoffs and once again they lost in their first match to Brian Gottfried and Raul Ramirez, the defending champions. In Mexico City last year the brothers—replacing South Africans Bob Hewitt and Irew McMillan deported by the Mexican government—had gone down in straight sets with Vijay having asthma problems in the high altitude. This time they were beaten in four sets losing a tiebreaker in the second. According to reports, the match might have been closer if Anand Amritraj had not made too many volleying errors.

Gottfried and Ramirez then played five sets in their semifinal where Fibak and Meiler upset them. The underdogs had earlier beaten Ross Case and Geoff Masters straight (two tiebreaks) and went on to clinch the \$40,000 top prize with a five-set win over Bob Lutz and Stan Smith, the 1973 WCT doubles champs. The 23-year-old Fibak, whom Chiradip Mukerjee defeated in the first round in Wimbledon last year, was allowed to appear in the playoffs by his home federation even though Poland had a Davis Cup tie against Italy in Florence at the same time.

Incidentally the Amritrajs just about qualified for the Kansas City finals being eighth on the circuit doubles list. This also earned them a \$2,000 award from the doubles bonus pool sponsored by a tobacco company. With his share of the \$5,000 prize-money as losing quarter finalist in the World Doubles Championship, Vijay Amritraj's WCT 76 earnings totalled \$42,113 (about Rs 38 lakhs).

When he won the tourney at Memphis in March, beating Andy Pattison, Cliff Drysdale, Bob Lutz and finally Stan Smith, and then made the semis in Jackson the following week it had seemed Vijay Amritraj might be able to reach the WCT finals in Dallas. However, a first-round loss to Arthur

Ashe in his last tournament (a player's first eight tournament points count) put paid to his chances.

In fact, by finishing 17th on the final singles list, Vijay did not even qualify for a share in the bonus sponsored by the makers of Haggar slacks. Last year he had won a \$3,000 bonus for finishing equal ninth in the WCT Red Group, while his 23rd position on the '75 CUGP had earned him \$10,250 from the bonus pool.

Looking back, Vijay Amritraj's poor start in WCT 76 a 16 record after his first four tournaments—went against him. His final won lost record was 10/9 but his points total of 455 was five too short of the tally achieved by Ross Case



Vijay Amritraj title
win at Memphis

and Ken Rosewall who were the last two on the 16-man bonus earners list. Vijay's wins included four over men who finished higher than him—Dallas qualifiers Dick Stockton (sixth) and Lutz (seventh), Drysdale (14th) and Case.

In doubles the brothers had a 7/8 record (excluding the playoffs) but 24-year-old Anand Amritraj, who qualified for WCT 76 solely by virtue of his appearance in last year's doubles playoffs, was sadly out of his depth in individual play. With 125 points from eight meets, his position on the final list was number 50, ahead of just Lynal el Shafel (122 from six) and Bob Giltinan (115 from eight) among

men who played at least five tournaments.

The two wins in his 2-14 record were both in one-set consolation matches, over brother Vijay and Geoff Masters. Anand's position as per the ATP computer rankings has gone down so much that he will have to qualify for Wimbledon.

The success of Borg at Dallas' Moody Coliseum, today recognised as the Mecca of indoor tennis, completed the first European sweep of the prestigious WCT titles. Runner-up to John Newcombe in '74 and to Ashe last year, the Monte Carlo-based Swedish blond star beat Eddie Dibbs (an American of Lebanese descent) in the round of eight, Harold Solomon in the semis and outtrilled doubles partner Guillermo Vilas, the Grand Prix champion, in the final.

Of the eight-man field, Ashe, Borg, Ramirez and Solomon had made it to Dallas last year too, while the four of them and Vilas had played in the Stockholm Masters in December. And though Borg claimed the top prize plus a lot of expensive accessory benefits, Ashe—who maintained his record of being the only man to reach every WCT playoff in singles as well as doubles—once again had the biggest 'catch' of the WCT season where, incidentally, all matches were played on the 1976 model of the Supreme Court plastic carpet: royal blue with red out side!

Ashe had been the first man to qualify for Dallas—as long back as the first of March he was mathematically assured of a place—and with a final record of 26/3, five tournament wins and \$60 points he again ran away with the top prize from the bonus pool.

Last year this had been worth \$33,333 and Hagen had presented it to Ashe in the form of a solid gold ball. This time the top bonus value had been raised to \$50,000—and Ashe was given a cheque for \$15,000 plus another gold ball (weighing 13 lbs and containing about 188.75 Troy ounces of pure gold), currently valued at \$35,000.

Maybe thinking of the two solid gold balls made Ashe's timing awry in his Dallas quarter-final versus Solomon. The little Jew who managed to qualify when Vilas Gerulaitis, Gottfried and Rosewall all failed with then opportunities in the circuit's last week to overtake him, upset the champion. But then Borg took over.

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A spectator at Forest Hills once shouted at me, Connors you are a brat

That's okay with me. The guy had paid his entrance fee and he was entitled to his opinion. What ever turned him on!

I had just beaten the player he was rooting for and the guy in the crowd had not taken the defeat as sportingly as his hero. But although he wasn't overkeen on Connors, I'd obviously made enough of an impression on him to get him involved.

That is good for the game. I believe the fans want to see something more than a couple of guys lashing a ball back and forth like mechanical men. They want to be entertained.

I like them to take sides — it builds atmosphere and excitement.

The 'brat' image

When that happens everybody gets into the action

It was at Forest Hills, too, that another fan was not so polite. He called me a name which I couldn't repeat here.

I was taking a drink between games when it happened. The guy was only three rows back from where I was standing at the umpire's chair.

There were three ways I could have dealt with this particular hassle. I could have ignored him, replied in the same terms or killed him with kindness. I chose the third.

I leaned forward and said to him: My friend don't be embarrassed because 4,000 people are looking at you. Don't let it bother you that 8,000 eyes are trying to see what kind of a person you are.

It's a hot day and you need a drink. Have some of my soda.

I kept on in this way for a few minutes and by that time every eye in the stadium really was on him.

My partner Spencer Segura in the meantime was jumping up and down shouting. Let me get at him. I said, Take it easy Spencer. He may be bigger than both of us.

The guy by this time had had enough. He left. I thought I had handled it pretty well until after

the match when my manager Bill Riordan had a few words to say to me.

"What's the big idea?" said Bill. "I'm breaking my back getting the customers in — and you're driving them out!" Some days you just can't win!

It's not an unusual experience for me to be second favourite with the crowd in a singles match.

This happened a couple of times with Ken Rosewall — I expected it at Wimbledon in 1974 when sentiment was heavily on the side of the 40-year-old Australian on what was probably his last chance of winning the title.

But Ken is a great favourite with the fans everywhere — and even in America the crowd wanted to see him win when we played.

Judging by my fan mail I'm pretty popular in Britain and Australia. I sometimes think the American public is a bit spoiled because there are so many good players in the U.S.

I get the impression that in America I'm regarded as more of a controversial figure than a popular one. It's not that I set out to build that image — but I must admit it fits.

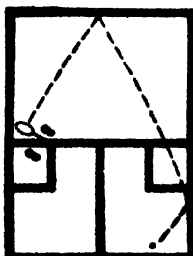
Maybe I earned it because although I don't go out looking for trouble, I have never learned to step aside when I run into it. That's not my style.

LEARN TO PLAY SQUASH — 14

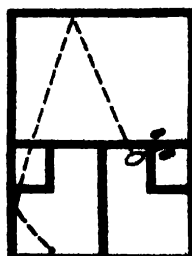
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Techniques by Bryan Patterson.

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SERVING FROM RIGHT BOX

LOB SERVICE FROM LEFT BOX



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THE service is one of the most important shots in squash. The server has complete control of the ball, so he should take his time. A good serve can place you in an attacking position.

Illustrated above are the ser-

vices from the left and right hand boxes and it is clear that the right hand box poses more problems. A lob serve from this box could be hit out of court, so a defensive, flatter serve is normally played.

Before serving, have a look at

the opponent, then, immediately after the serve has been completed, move directly to the dominating T position.

All the illustrations are for left handers, but apply equally to right handers.



Mrs. Pereira, wife of Vice-Admiral R. L. Pereira, presents the 'Silver Cock' to the Commanding Officer of INS Vikrant, which won the Western Fleet Pulling Regatta Championship in Bombay recently. Right: Gulshan Rai, who recently sailed from Bombay to Goa, receives the Scovell trophy from Mrs. Schumker in Bombay recently



Mohd. Arif receives his prize from Ashok Mankad who presided over the Gymkhana Day function of the M. H. Saboo Siddik Polytechnic in Bombay recently. Looking on is principal K. Hussain. Right: The M.P.L.T.A. recently announced its ranking list for 1976-77. S. S. Dixit (fourth from left) was No. 1 for the fifth year in a row. The other ranked players are seen above with chief guest Mrs. Tripty Mukherjee



Above left: Aspro Sports Club beat holders E. Merck to clinch the Merck Shield in a thrilling finish in Bombay recently. The winning hit came in the third ball of the final over. Right: The BHA recently awarded mementoes to sports writers for 25 years of service to Bombay hockey. The recipients were (from left) Joe Crasto, Frank Pereira, Ron Hendricks, S. V. Seshadri, A. T. P. Sarathy, Leyland de Sousa, William Coutto. Left: 10-year-old Shamin Mashruwala of St. Mary's is a promising Bombay athlete who won the midget championship in the last Bombay Schools Sports meet



Four youngsters have undertaken an arduous 3,500 km India-Nepal trip on bicycle. Arranged by Youth Hostel Association of India (Ahmedabad), it is being sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive whose managing director, H. Rai is seen above handing over Rs. 2,000 to Subrata Bhattacharya, leader of the foursome. Colgate have also presented toiletry articles and Colgate-Palmolive tee-shirts to the adventurers



PATNA:
TAPAN KUMAR MULLICK won the Dr. Jaggnath Misra table tennis championship here beating top-seeded Amitabh Sinha 21-18, 21-16, 17-21, 21-16. Earlier, the champion had defeated K. M. Sinha in the quarters and G. Bhat-tacharya in the semis.

Sinha, a former Bihar state representative, proved to be the most improved player of the tourney in which several of Bihar's past and present stalwarts competed.

—INDU BHUSHAN

Burdwan stadium

BURDWAN:

THE foundation ceremony of the eight-thousand capacity indoor stadium for volleyball and basketball of Burdwan District Volleyball and Basketball Association was performed recently at Burdwan. The foundation stone was laid by Pradulla Kanti Ghosh, sports minister of West Bengal. Mihir Kumar Maitra, president and Manash Kumar Roy, sec. of the BDVBA told this correspondent that the 100 feet by 240 feet area indoor stadium's estimate is around four lakhs. The stadium will be called Sri Arobindo Stadium. The Arobindo Trust Committee donated a cheque of fifty thousand for its construction —N.G.P.

League title shared

CALCUTTA:

WITH bad light preventing even one of the three scheduled rubbers from being completed in the final of the inter-club Tennis League, organised by the Bengal L.T., Calcutta Gymkhana and Mohun Bagan Athletic were declared joint winners after their singles players, Somnath Bose (Mohun Bagan) and Kiran Rai (Gymkhana) had won a set each and Bose had held his serve to lead 2-1 in the decider, on the Woodburn Park grass-courts here recently

The play-off was a repeat of last

year's encounter, when Mohun Bagan (whose team included Davis Cuppers Chiradeep Mukerjee and Gaurav Misra) won the Misra Shield — named after Gaurav's grandfather, Sir L. P. Misra — after the tie had rolled on to a second afternoon. As dark rain clouds overhead brought the 1976 final to a halt, one thought another "extension" was likely. But Mohun Bagan's immediate preoccupation being with their soccer guests from England, Crook Town AFC, neither they nor Gymkhana seemed keen on prolonging the issue and sharing the honours was an amicable settlement. —S.S.

Mridula—bright future

CALCUTTA's Pioneer Sporting Association has contributed much to the promotion of women's handball in India. It is a big name in Indian women's handball. They were the state women champions for the last two years. This year the captain of the team is Miss Mridula Das, their 17-year-old left-stopper.

Mridula doesn't play any other games apart from handball. "I have concentrated fully on handball, the game which is my first and last love. In 1972, I learned handball

under the famous coaches Haridas Roy and Ananta Mitra."

It took only a year to learn all the techniques and Mridula acquired much skill, placing herself in the regular team of Pioneer Sporting. In 1975 she emerged as a class player. She played all the matches for her club. She was also selected to represent Bengal in the National but couldn't go with the team. This year she is representing Bengal in the National to be held at Jamshedpur, Bihar.

—TAPAS MAITRA





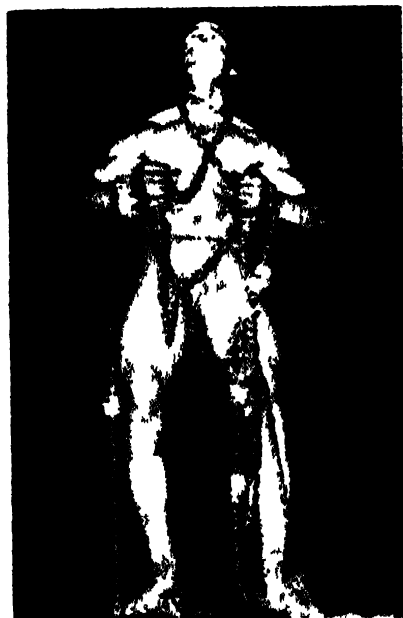
The winners, Lucknow, line-up before the start of the final

Title for DSA Lucknow

THE Dr Hira Lal Memorial 7-a-side hockey tourney was held at Railway Stadium, Gonda under the auspices of NERSA. Seven teams from N E Rly participated. DSA Lucknow won the final defeating DSA Varanasi 2-1 in extra time. The tournament was played

on seven-a-side system under flood lights.

The matches were played on a lawn 30 x 50 yards with sidelines covered by 1-1 2 ft. height wooden planks. The fast push system was followed and no hit was allowed which made the game very fast and stick work became important.



Bharat Bhushan of Saharanpur (U. P.) was adjudged Arjun Shree of India, '76 at the National Best Physique contest at Jodhpur recently. He has also won the Mr. Delhi, Mr. Muscleman and Mr. Ironman titles. S. K. Sharma (short) and A. Baugh (tall) were the winners in their groups.



Allround excellence

NIGHAT KHAN LODI, a final year B.A. student at Nari Shiksha Niketan in Lucknow is an all round sportswoman who has tried her hand at — and excelled in — several fields. An outstanding athlete in her own right, she is also very fond of handball and softball. Unable to rest content with merely dabbling in 'feminine' sports, she took to cricket and football as well — and soon rose to captain her state side in both. A goalkeeper, she moves on light feet under the bar and has impressed everyone with her fine anticipation and her quick reflexes. In fact, at the last football Nationals at Lucknow, she was adjudged the best goalkeeper — an honour bestowed upon her earlier in the Handball National at Pune as well.



Arjuna winner

Anil Punj, an Inspector with B.S.F. Jullundur, was recently awarded the Arjuna Award for basketball. He started off in Randhir School, continued at State College of Sports, Jullundur and later captained Punjab University and Punjab in the Nationals. In 1965, he was selected to play for Indian Youth All - Star team and then graduated to the senior team in 1969. He was vice-captain of the Indian team in the 1973 Asians at Manila and has donned India colours in international competitions several times.

NER tops

GORAKHPUR

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY, Varanasi lifted the coveted Urvarak State Volleyball trophy getting the better of Customs and Central Excise, Kanpur in the final in straight games, 15-9, 15-10, 15-3.

In the first game, the NER led 12-2 at one stage, but fighting back the Kanpur team narrowed the gap. There was a neck and neck fight in the second game, but Kanpur lost it at 10-15.

A. S. Tripathi gave a good account of himself for the NER team, while Ashok Kumar and Mohammad Nasim caught the eye most for the losers.

Earlier, in the semi-finals NER defeated District Volleyball Association, Azamgarh by 15-1, 15-7, 15-3, while Central Excise, Kanpur accounted for the hosts Fertiliser Corporation of India by 15-9, 15-12, 15-12.

—SANTOSH SINGH



Maj-Gen. O. M. Mani, chairman and managing director of Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., lays the foundation stone for the BEML stand at the KSCA stadium in Bangalore. Right: The Bengal women's football team toured Kerala recently, winning two of the four matches played and drawing one. Bengal, the National champs, were led by Nilima Ghosh



The Andhra Bank cricket team completed a 'Grand Slam' in Hyderabad cricket, bagging four major trophies — Kishen Pershad, Gorakshekar, Behram-ud-Dowla and Ghulam Ali. The banks awarded a cash prize of Rs. 300 to each player for this creditable record



18-year-old S. Nagaraj is an up-and-coming table tennis player from Hubli. A B.Sc. student of P. C. Jabin College, he recently won a 'double' in the Leo Club tourney at Hubli. Earlier, he put in a fine show in the LIC tournament at Dharwar. He is the college captain and No. 1 player



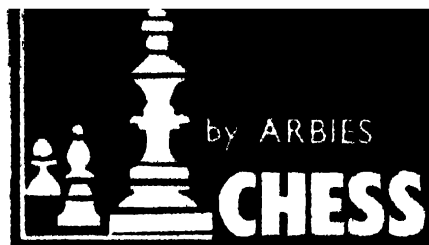
The Guruvayurappan College cricket team which won the Calicut University cricket tournament at the Christ College ground in Irinjalakuda. They were also runners-up in the Kozikode District League championship earlier

ICF's title

MADRAS:

ICF Institute wrested the Venkateswara Cup from Southern Railway with a five-wicket victory in the final of the TNCA cricket tournament for Government and quasi-Government institutions.

It was the excellent bowling by its seasoned campaigner K. Chandrasekara Rao, who returned the impressive figures of 10-3-22-6, backed up by good catches and ground-fielding, that carried ICF Institute to its triumph



HE West Bengal veteran N. Majee plays improvised chess even in tournaments rather for pleasure than for the score. Though his results are uneven, sometimes he produces amazing combinations. In the following games his two minor pieces surprisingly deflate the enemy Queen.

FRENCH DEFENCE

White: Gobinda Rao

Black: N. Majee

(National B, Patná, 1975)

1. PK4, PK3 2. PQ4, PQ4 3. NQ2, PQB4 4. KPXP, KPXP 5. BN5ch, NB3 6. QK2ch, BK3 (a) 7. KNB3, PQR3 8. BxNch, PxB 9. PxP, BxP 10. NN3, BN3 11. N(N)Q4, QB1 12. NB5? (b) KB1 13. NN3, NB3 14. 00, PR3 15. PN3, BN5 16. BN2, PKR4 17. QQ2, BQ1 18. NK5, PR5 19. NxB, QxN 20. PKR3, QQ2 21. NK2, NK5 22. QK3, BN4 23. PKB4, BK2 24. QRQ1, RK1 (c) 25.

KR2, BB4 26. BQ4, BN5 27. QQ3, PR4 28. PQB4, KN1 29. BN2?, RR4 30. BK5, QN2! 31. PxP, PxP 32. NB3?, (d) R4xB 33. PxR, BxN 34. QxP, BxPch 35. PN3, BxPch 36. KN2, NN4! 37. QxQ, RK7ch 38. RB2 (e) RxRch 39. KR1, RR7ch (f) 40. KN1, NxBch 41. KB1, RB7ch 42. KK1, RxPch 43. KB1, RB7ch 44. KK1, RQR7ch 45. KB1, NB5 46. RQ8ch, KR2 47. QK4ch, PN3 48. QQ4, PB3! 49. RKB8, RR7 50. QR7ch, KR3 51. QN7, RQN7 52. QK4, RKB7ch White resigns.

(a) Unusual. Theory gives 6 ... QK2.

(b) The Knight makes too many moves. Better 12. 00

(c) An interesting position with alternating tactical play. The threat QxN is now met by ... BB4ch ...

(d) White cannot win a Pawn, i.e. 32. QxP?, QxQ 33. RxQ, PB3 34. RQ4, NN6 wins a piece. The text is also a blunder losing two pieces for a Rook.

(e) The mate threat compels White to give up a Rook; still Black has only two minor pieces for the Queen, which, however, is powerless to extricate the White King from the tight mating net.

(f) 39 ... NB6 would have been immediately decisive.

Against S. G. Bhat (White), Majee sacrificed his Queen for two minor pieces on the 13th move and the following position was reached at adjournment on the 44th move:

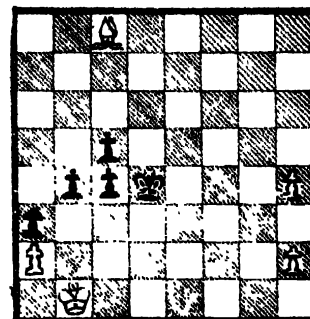
White: Kg2; Qg4; Re2, Bd2; P's-a2, b3, d4, h3.

Black: Kd7; Re7; Bd6; N's-d5, f5; P's-a3, b4, c6, e6, g3.

The play went: 45. Qe4, Nf6 46. Qd3, Rg7 47. Qa6, Nh4ch 48. Kg1, Nd5! 49. Qb7ch, Nc7 50. Be1, Pg2! 51. Rxg2 (if 51. Bxh4, Bh2ch etc.) Nxg2 White resigns.

END GAME

By S. N. Ravi Shankar:



White: Kb1; Bc8; P's-h2, h4, a2.

Black: Kd4; P's-a3, b4, c4, c5.

White to play and win.

- How many of these were unbeaten world heavyweight boxing champions—Gene Tnnney, Rocky Marciano and Joe Louis?
- When were the Winter Games separated from the Summer Olympic Games?
- Who was the first woman to swim the English Channel?
- In what direction did she swim, and what was her timing?
- Who was the first long jumper to cross 25 ft. in the Olympic Games?
- When were the All-England Badminton Championships first held?



by HOSEY MISTRY

- With which sports are the following venues associated? a) Wembley, b) Leeds and c) Indianapolis.
- At what other sport did Wim-

bledon champion Fred Perry gain international fame?

- Which Olympic sport includes swimming and fencing?
- How old was Bobby Fischer when he won the world chess title? a) 25, b) 27 or c) 31.

ANSWERS:

- All of them. 2. 1924. 3. Gertrude Ederle (U.S.A.) in 1926. 4. France to England in 14 hours and 39 minutes. 5. Edward Hamm (U.S.A.) in 1928. 6. 1899. 7. a) Soccer, b) cricket and c) car racing. 8. Table tennis. 9. Modern pentathlon. 10. 27.

Teaching the 'bosses'

SOCCKER classes for organisers? Ever heard of such a thing? Well, that's what the Gujarat State Referees' Association has planned — classes to teach the rules of sport to players as well as organisers.

And it was time they did it too. Ignorance of the laws of the game is so plentiful in Ahmedabad—and, for that matter, elsewhere in Gujarat—that the referee gets to become the most unwanted man.

The players' tantrums at referees' verdicts may be a universal phenomenon. But the displeasure of the organisers at refereeing decisions that might upset the pla-

yers and the crowd is such that it breeds the thought that it were better the sport was dead.

Instead of giving the referee protection the organisers have several times thought of chiding him—and on such ridiculous grounds.

Last month the New Colony Railway Institute, Sabarmati, on the outskirts of this city, held the R. R. Ghosh Football Tournament. Well, the Sabarmati ground has no fencing to keep the crowd at arm's length and the spectators always keep on encroaching into the field.

Two matches were abandoned because the crowd, angry that a decision went against their favouri-

tes, invaded the field and would not allow play to be continued. These were in addition to half a score of other hold-ups.

The referees warned the organisers that if no arrangement was made to keep the crowd in check they would not turn up to officiate. That was a fair demand.

But the organisers shot back saying that the disturbances were created by the referees, and that the referees should conduct the matches "cautiously."

This was talking rot. Most referees would have refused to whistle. But the association went on nevertheless. And now, one hopes, these classes will drive some sense into those thick skulls.

—SW Correspondent

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Beware the 'top', says Shane

PERTH

AUSTRALIA's former world champion swimmer Shane Gould, advises would be champions of sport to think twice before plunging into top competition

"I still have a lot of scars from becoming so well-known," Shane said here, two and a half years after her retirement from competition

"Don't mistake me. If I had my life to live again, I would do exactly the same, but I certainly would not recommend everyone with the talent and the will to attempt to become a champion."

Shane, now 19 years old, married in July 1975. She and her husband, Neil Innes, live quietly in Perth, a vastly different lifestyle from the one Shane experienced at the "top."

In her spectacular swimming career, Shane broke 11 world records holding five at one time, and collected a total of 226 medals, including three Olympic golds. And people loved her. She had every opportunity to stay in public focus when she gave up swimming and took a job promoting swimwear.

"It was not long before I knew that I had nothing in common with the sophisticated city style of living," Shane said. "The trouble was, I did not know what I wanted. I only knew myself as a swimmer. I was full of discouragement and negative feelings."

Shane remembers giving up swimming as a painful struggle. She and Neil had chosen to live a simple life based on Christian beliefs.

Shane is taking a one-year course in elementary veterinary science and Neil is studying agricultural science. They hope to buy land and provide their own food.

"We would like a big rambling house, so that people can visit," she said. "We hope we



will have many visitors who wish to express themselves and their beliefs, people who are looking for or finding meaning in life beyond the artificial city and suburban imposed values."

Shane still loves the water, but avoids swimming pools. Instead, she has become a keen surfer and spends hours surfboard riding with her husband.

What would be her reaction if asked to help a young swimmer who was obviously talented and wanted to succeed?

"I have not worked out fully the answer to that one," Shane said. "I know I would be pleased to show a swimmer how to move in the water. A champion swimmer must feel at one with the water and this should be learnt as soon as possible."

"If someone is talented, the only way to bring out the talent is to become fully involved."

"The physical training is good

for a person. The decision and discipline is good, and so is the limit of physical strength."

"Dedication means missing out on balance, but with balance, I don't think I could have achieved what I did. I think for the average person, it is better to achieve a sound balance in activities."

"I still don't know whether it is healthy for a person to be so well-known and reach so many high goals, because of resulting possibility of irreversible imbalance in personality."

She said intensive training for very young children could be especially damaging.

"It has the tendency to inbreed in the person an instinct to win at all costs, to want to beat people to be glorious. It is wrong to want to put down another person and feel achievement through dominance." — AIB

TO OUR READERS

DUE to the astronomical increase in the price of newsprint and other production costs, the management deeply regrets that it is forced to increase the price of SPORTS WEEK by 25% from the issue date 23rd May.

1976 SPORTSWEEK's price will now be Rs 125 instead of Re 1 per copy.

The annual subscription will be Rs 65. Subscribers, who are already registered on our records at old rates will, of course, continue to get the copies till their subscription expires.

Services win all but one

SIMLA:

THE National Boxing Championships here once again highlighted the vast difference in the standard between the Services and the rest of the country. True, the Services lost one bout, middleweight Devaiah being knocked out by Punjab's inter-university champion, Gurmit Singh. But it was not a true indication of the general standard among the civilians in this sport.

The Services won ten out of the eleven weight classes and barring four fights, including the middleweight bout, the judges were not much troubled. These fights did not go beyond the first round.

Top physical condition was one of the main strong points of the Services boxers and added to it there was skill in plenty, in most of their men. It was the first asset which enabled S. Sutar to outclass Andhra Pradesh's 17-year-old schoolboy, M. Ibrahim in the flyweight. Ibrahim was one of the few civilian boxers who had both pluck and skill.

Even in the last nationals he had given Sutar a run for his money and had in fact dropped Sutar once and forced him to take a mandatory count. It appeared as if this year he would go one step further. But after giving as good as he got in the first two rounds, Ibrahim tired out and Sutar was through to the title once again. It must have been a very close decision.

Gurmit's sensational K.O. victory over the stylish Devaiah had its beginnings in the opening minute of the first round. Devaiah was rushing Gurmit when the latter jerked out a defiant left. It caught the surprised Devaiah bang on his face and dazed him. He never really recovered from this blow. He twice took the mandatory count in the first round but appeared fighting fit in the second. And when he stalked and then rushed Gurmit at the neutral corner, one thought, it was all over for Gurmit. It was not so. Gurmit ducked the hook and Devaiah lost balance and stumbled towards the ropes with his guard down. Gurmit flashed out with his right and connected. Devaiah was out. He staggered up at the count of eight but then collapsed. Gurmit the unknown thus became a hero with this sensational win.

The Services find of the year, 20-year-old Machaiah is cast in the classical mould but for all his superiority he just could not drop Kerala's ex-Services boxer, J. D. Selan. A glutton for punishment, Selan fought gallantly and was



Gurmit Singh (Punjab) right, caused the only blot in the Services' record when he beat Devaiah

rightly awarded the best loser's prize. In the semi-finals too Machaiah had run into a tough opponent. This was Maharashtra's Gaekwad, whose main intention appeared to be to stay for three rounds. His methods were not at all pleasing but stay he did and Machaiah had to be content with a points verdict.

The other final bout which lasted out was between Mool Singh of the Services and Hussain of the Railways. Though there was never any question of Mool Singh's superiority, Hussain proved a gritty fighter and took any amount of punishment.

For the rest, the final bouts went the expected way with Appa Rao, Vishwakarma, S. K. Rai (winner of the best boxer's award), Bakshish Singh, Bhagwan Singh,

Mehtab Singh and Mohammad Aslam winning in the first round.

One expected a little more than a retirement in the second round from Tamil Nadu's promising K. D. Babu. The latter had two impressive victories before reaching the final. But here he ran into Bakshish Singh. Babu used his telling lefts well and got in quite a few blows but Bakshish was better endowed in skill and punished Babu severely. Babu resorted to holding and clinching and was twice warned. Wisely he refused to continue the fight in the second round. Another warning would have meant disqualification. And that would have meant no runners-up prize.

There were other civilian boxers who made a deep impression. N. B. Thapa, and N. D. Raju fought extremely well, particularly the lat-

ACCORDING to reports, Indian Airlines is planning to recruit on its staff promising young hockey players. Hence, future interviews for jobs will run something like this:

The selection committee has met to interview candidates for posts of senior ground engineers. "Send in the first candidate," the chairman of the selection committee tells his secretary.

The candidate comes in with his certificates and letters of recommendation and the chairman asks him: "Yes, young man, what are your qualifications for this very responsible job?"

The candidate replies: "I hold a doctorate in aeronautics engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Plus degrees from Oxford, Cambridge, Sorbonne, Madras, Benares"

"Yes yes," says a member, "but do you play hockey?"

"Well," says the candidate, "I used to play some hockey when I was in school, but I have not played for a long time so you will understand I am a little out of touch. However, I would like to inform the committee that I did my apprenticeship in ground engineering at Heathrow airport, London"

BUZZING AROUND

by BUSYBEE

"We will come to that later," says another member of the selection committee. "Let us now know what position you play in hockey and can you, if the occasion demands, switch-over to playing centre-forward?"

The candidate hesitates a little "I really do not know what to say. However, I have here with me the original certificate given to me by the Concorde people on whose aircraft I worked right from the blueprint stage"

The chairman intervenes. "Tell us what your record is as to penalty corners. In the last two seasons how many penalty corners have you converted?"

The candidate says: "I am afraid I did not get much chance to convert penalty corners during the last two seasons. I was kept

very busy looking after the entire Pacific service of IWA. I left them and returned home because I think Indians should work for India"

A member says: "We are very touched to hear that you have left a lucrative job abroad and come back to play hockey for India. With more people like you Indian hockey can once again regain its place at the top of the world."

"Thank you," says the candidate "And now may I show you my special letter of recommendation and medal of merit from the government of Ghana for having trained its entire ground engineering staff while on an assignment from the UN"

"I am afraid we are wasting our time," says the chairman, "In the absence of any special talent for hockey, we cannot consider your application"

The candidate looks most disappointed "Is there no chance for me to work in India? With any Indian firm?"

"There may be," says the chairman "If you are good at football, you could try for a job with Mafatlal"

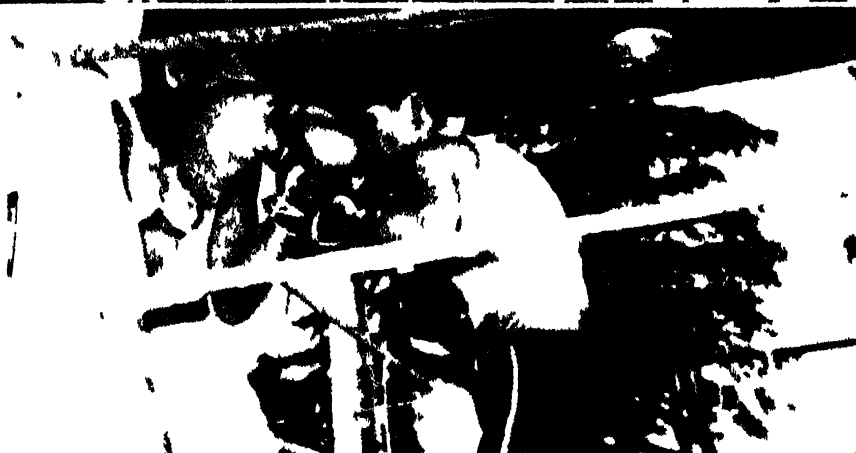
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ter in the semi-final against Vishwakarma. In fact, Raju cut Vishwakarma above the right eye with a powerful left leaving the Services boxer in a dazed state. But Vishwakarma recovered to win on points. Thapa, who represented Orissa, did well to reach the final. An employee of the Steel Plants, he had not been able to make the Steel Plants team but certainly did better than the official representative of the Steel Plants in the lightweight class, before losing to Appa Rao in the final.

The staging of any championships on national level in a small place has its advantages. And one of them was the tremendous enthusiasm of the local population and also the interest shown by boxers from Punjab and Haryana. Most of them had come without any training and some of them did not know the rudiments of the sport. But the championships have done much to enthuse them.

One of the results of the Simla Nationals is the decision by the I.A.B.F. and the Northern Region to revive the Northern India championships. Jullundur have agreed to stage the meet in September. This will go a long way in promoting this sport in this region.

—SW Correspondent



S. K. Rai (top) adjudged the best boxer drives J. D. Bakhshi into a corner. Below: Machaiah, Services find of the year, beat Selan of Kerala. Pics: ASHOK CHOPRA



OLYMPIC ATHLETES... 2

Ian Thompson



Ian Thompson marathon runner extraordinary could power his way to Olympic glory when he goes for gold in Montreal this year. For Thompson is set to go one better and shatter all records in Canada — by running the fastest marathon of all time.

The golden chance though could so easily have slipped away — but for a stroke of luck that set Thompson on the marathon trail. That piece of good fortune came when 25-year-old Ian was called in by his club as replacement for a marathon to make up the numbers.

Thompson however responded to the challenge by winning the race and setting himself on the road to athletic success. It was a moment which has meant much to British athletics — and it all started when Thompson turned to running after a trip to the White City as a schoolboy in 1965.

Then 15-year-old Ian watched spellbound as the great Australian runner Ron Clarke — the man who missed gold so often — broke 13 minutes in a wonder three mile display. Thompson was so impressed with Clarke that he immediately joined Luton Athletic Club and started training.



Since then Thompson has gone from strength to strength, seeming to thrive on the miles he burns up in a gruelling training schedule each and every week. Now Thompson pounds through at least 100 miles as a weekly build up to his competitive running.

Even as a raw 17-year-old Thompson covered 70 miles a week, but has since sat down to map out his non-stop training timetable. Today he runs six miles every lunchtime — except at weekends — added to a nightly track session. But Sunday is no day of rest for Thompson as he always runs 28 or 30 miles.

Thompson attributes his success to his unusual diet. Three days before a race he tucks into a steady diet of rice pudding, semolina, chips and bread and butter. This helps him build up glycogen in the body and enables Thompson to outlast his opponents.

That tough training routine has given Thompson the edge for success when the big races come around. Ian says: "I always enjoy my training. I've been averaging about 140 miles a week. As others enjoy a drink at the pub, Thompson passes by with a wave of the hand."



Thompson's self-confessed addiction for running has brought him much success. For just a year after his first ever marathon Thompson was a double champion. He won both the Commonwealth and European titles in 1974 to pick up gold medals. He intends adding to them in Montreal.

Thompson's Commonwealth triumph at Christchurch, New Zealand left the world's athletic experts gasping as Birkenhead-born Ian ran the second fastest marathon of all time. Thompson was clocked at two hours nine minutes and 12 seconds — the performance of the Games.

That gold medal is Thompson's greatest honour to date. It compares very favourably with the first ever prize he won in the A.A.A. Marathon Championship — a power drill!

Away from athletics Thompson concentrates on study. He has already obtained a degree in languages at Cardiff University and is now at college in Leeds on a post-graduate course in Spanish. Thompson carefully plans his study to dovetail with his running.



Thompson receives plenty of moral support for his lonely event from his wife Margaret. She recently took up the event too. In true family tradition she became the fastest British woman over the classic distance with a time of 3 hrs. 7 mins. 47 secs in Finland in October 1975. Although Ian is too fast to train with his wife, she fits her training in between cooking his meals.

Thompson brushed with authority in 1975. In May he ran in a 25 kilometre race in Finland without permission; and landed in trouble with the International Athletic Federation. Thompson, however, was unabashed.

For after receiving the London Athletic Centenary Award from Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace, Thompson explained his upset with athletics' top brass by saying: "To be honest I don't understand the ramifications of athletics. I'm just a runner. If I've fallen foul of some offence then it's just a mistake."

In that fateful race Thompson finished seventh and, not for the first time felt shattered. "My legs were stiff for a week," he says. "I just wanted to lie on my bed and see nobody." Despite this he correctly predicted in a letter to his fiancée that he would win in Christchurch. That confidence is why he is a favourite for Montreal!

Q WHAT is your frank opinion about Dilip Vengsarkar?

—Rupendra Nath Ghosh (New Delhi).

A NOW that Umrigar has confirmed the belief that he is a middle-order batsman, he should serve the country well lower down, especially with the experience gained from the tours of New Zealand and the West Indies.

Q WHO gets the credit if a batsman is out "handling the ball"?

—R. Niranjan and M. Tushar (Cochin).

A THE correct entry in the score-book is "handled the ball." The bowler does not get credit for the wicket.

Q WHAT does "P" stand for in B. P. Patel?

—Pramay Chatra and Kamal Singh (Bermo, Bihar).

A PARSURAM.

QUESTION BOX

IN CHATTERBOX

Q HOW many catches did Gordon Greenidge and Vivian Richards hold in the series against India in 1974-75?

—Kalyan Kumar Das (Lohardaga).

A FIVE each.

Q WHAT is the world record for the first wicket?

—Suresh Gupta (Allahabad).

A FIVE hundred and fifty-five by P. Holmes (224 not out) and H. Sutcliffe (313) for Yorkshire against Essex at Leyton in 1932.

Q COULD you suggest a book that would help me to improve my cricket?

—Uzair Shams (Kanpur).

A THOUGH it is an expensive prescription, you cannot do better than digest Don Bradman's "Art of Cricket." Equally good is Bradman's earlier book, "How to Play Cricket," if you can get hold of a copy.

Q I am a tenth standard student. I am unable to play any game as I am fat. Can you suggest a remedy?

—Nantu Kar (Calcutta).

A ONLY a doctor can diagnose your trouble and suggest a cure. However, you can still play games like chess, billiards and table tennis.

Q I want to be a tennis commentator. What should I do?

—A. Chakravorty (Calcutta-6).

A THE important thing to do is to cultivate AIR as so many have done so successfully.

Q WHAT do you think of India's chances of regaining the hockey laurels at the Montreal Olympics?

—Devi Singh Thakur (Brot).

A THE team is well trained and should do well.

Dream venue & quality bridge

I was a dream venue - that Boat House Club of Nainital stretched alongside its lake in the shelter of the Kumaon Hills. What a change from the roasting Summer Nationals of the past few years! The mountain air dispelled fatigue and revitalised our players to produce bridge of the highest quality shaming the faded efforts of previous Nationals.

The first event was for the Agarwala Trophy which is a pairs event held on International Match Point basis by the Butler Method. The main attraction was not so much the trophy itself as that the first three pairs became automatically eligible for the Indian team to represent the country at the Far Eastern Zonal Championships at New Zealand by the end of this year.

Lash State was given a restricted quota of pairs and after qualification at local level 32 pairs were allowed to enter the fray at Nainital. A further elimination at Nainital reduced the field to twelve. Amongst the notable pairs to be eliminated were Kadri Malani (Andhra Pradesh) last year's winners and Krishnamurthy Kulkarni also of Andhra Pradesh. Both these pairs were in the Indian team at the Far Eastern Zonal Championships held at Bangkok last year.

The deals were pre-duplicated and played at the same time by all contestants enabling results to be forthcoming at the end of every four deals. This is the first time that this has been done in this country and deserves retention. However at Nainital much of the pleasure was marred by doctoring of the hands a number of which were not naturally dealt but were manipulated with an unnatural and pariah element injected into them.

Even though the authorities persistently disclaimed that the hands had been tampered with the irrefutable evidence of the hands

by JIMMY MEHTA

themselves left no doubt that a number of them had been manipulated. The doctored hands persisted throughout the Agarwala contest until finally the authorities had to give way to the unanimous protests of the players which, however, was not until commencement of the Guru Dutt Inter State contest. Even so the standard of bridge which was produced was higher than we have witnessed in a long time.

Here is a fascinating specimen of a doctored hand where the results fluctuated from a part score being played at some tables to a slam being played at least at one table.

962			
A 53			
A Q 83			
A 72			
N			
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K J 2	W	I	97
K 10 7 6 5			943
10 9 8 7			K Q J 6
S			
A K 10 7 4			
Q 10 8 6 4			
J 2			
3			

Though the popular contract was the reasonable 4 spades at one table Robby Roy playing with Kedia languished in a contract of 1 spade the bidding having gone 1 diamond by North after an initial pass by South followed by a 1 spade response which was passed all round.

In contrast A. R. Ganguly and M. Ghosh of Bengal bid as follows:

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2D	P
2H	P	4C	P
4S	P	6S	P

The 4 club bid was an asking bid and the 4 spade response indicated the spade Ace and second round control of clubs. A rather optimistically bid hand, but amply justified by the result. A diamond was led which South allowed to run to his knave. The trump Ace was cashed and when the Queen appeared on declarer's left, dummy was entered via the club Ace and trumps were drawn, finessing East's spade. Ganguly's problems were still not over. He still had to make an inspired play in hearts, viz the Queen of hearts followed by the 10 pinning the doubleton 9 on his right for one of the most spectacular swings of the championships.

On at least two tables even 4 spades was defeated when the trump position was misjudged and the winning play in hearts not found. The hand losing control Ganguly and Ghosh's luck however, did not last out and the later rounds of play swept them out of the picture.

The U.P. pair of H. Kaul and B. N. Shrivastava started great guns and there was no looking back for them until the finish when they emerged with a record score of 76 leaving the field standing. They did not lose a match which is perhaps unprecedented in an event of this sort. The other two pairs to qualify for the Indian team were Mehta-Mhatre, some 40 odd points behind the leaders and R. Kejriwal-Ambrish Parekh. Both these pairs belong to Maharashtra and were members of the Maharashtra team which later fluently captured the Inter State honours at Nainital. Dr. Inderwala Punjabi who has twice had the honour of representing the country abroad finished 4th and Campos Ruiz also members of the winning Maharashtra team finished 5th.

Cricketers of the week... I

A BIRTHDAY has a strange

fascination being a milestone in one's life. It's an occasion when one has a fond glance on the ground traversed and casts an expectant look at the path that lies ahead. Whether it is a day of past regrets or future fears depends on the individual's mental frame.

SPORTSWEEK will present each week the names of cricketers who began or ended his innings in the week.

BIRTHS

May 30

C. Blythe (England) 1879
G. A. Headley (WI) 1909
R. G. D. Willis (Eng) 1949

May 31

W. R. Indean (SA) 1924
P. Sen (India) 1926
P. Roy (India) 1928

June 1

F. J. Cameron (NZ) 1932

June 2

G. A. Lohmann (Eng) 1865
G. I. Weir (NZ) 1908

June 3

R. W. V. Robins (Eng) 1906
N. M. Gallahan (NZ) 1906
N. M. Robins (Eng) 1906
F. R. Mitchell (Eng) 1922
J. R. Reid (NZ) 1928
M. G. Melle (SA) 1930

June 4

W. A. Hadlee (NZ) 1915

June 5

W. E. Hollies (England) 1912
L. R. Pierre (WI) 1921

DEATH

May 31

H. Ironmonger (Aus) 1971

—K. ISWARA DUTT

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Vijay's example

VIJAY AMRITRAJ has done the right thing by coaching youngsters and imparting to them at least a little of what he has learnt. Today, several youngsters are unable to reveal their undoubted talents on account of lack of proper guidance. I hope that other recognised players in other branches of sport will follow the worthy example set by Vijay.

—Sanjay Sinha (Motihari, Bihar)

Insurance policy

ANY sportsman representing his country has to make enormous sacrifice from the point of view of time, money and career. Whilst he is in the limelight, he corners the glory. But what happens afterwards? To ensure a secure future for our sportsmen, why don't we make it obligatory on every sports association to take out a Life Insurance (Indowment Policy) of a suitable amount? The premium would be about Rs. 20 or so and this could easily be borne by the association.

—N. R. Narayan and V. V. S. Ayyangar (Bombay)

In perspective . . .

THANKS for the article, "Clamp down on bouncer bullies — now," (May 16). Coming from a batsman of Denis Compton's standing, it certainly put the whole issue in the right perspective.

—Ajay Saxena (Bhopal)

WHAT a slap by Denis Compton on the faces of those who accused Bedi of cowardice for declaring the first innings at Kings-ton! Compton's piece was most timely and very sensible too.

—A. M. Sayed (Kanpur)

Fantastic

YOUR first issue of the "World of Cricket" is a fantastic one. The colour cover is superb and the articles are most topical. A job well done. Congrats.

—A. Rahim (Bombay)

Enjoying at Apartheid's expense?

I AM writing this letter in disgust after reading about India's Fali Madon failing to report for his match against South Africa's Greg Stainer in the World Amateur Squash Championships at Wembley. Why should India have sent a team at great cost if it knew it would have to withdraw? Don't our officials know which are the countries taking part — or is it that they decide to make the trip to enjoy a good holiday and then hit the headlines by refusing to play against South Africa?

I would like SPORTSWEEK to probe into this racket and make your findings public. It would appear that officials hide the fact that SA will be playing from the government for fear that they will be refused permission to go. This business of not playing South Africa should be settled before the team leaves our shores — and not after the draw is made. What's the point of incurring so much expenditure if the ultimate result is a withdrawal from the tournament?

—Ashok Puri (Bombay)

(Reader Puri gets the prize of Rs. 11/- for this week's best letter).

Impose tennis ban

I FULLY agree with the views of Prof. M. V. Chandgadkar on South Africa's apartheid policy. Much has been done by cricket bodies to keep SA out. But, the same can hardly be said of tennis. After India refused to play the final of the Davis Cup against SA in 1974, several other countries have followed suit. The time has come now to ban SA from international tennis too.

—Rajiv Girotra (New Delhi)

Physical education

I FEEL that physical education should be made compulsory in all schools. Thanks to the efforts of our ace quarter-miler Milkha Singh and other sports lovers, it is gaining ground in schools now — but more states should now follow Punjab's example. That's the best way to unearth fresh talent from the schools.

In East Germany, for example, children who can just about walk are thrown into the water — any wonder then that they produce the world's leading swimmers? In the USSR, the state looks after most of the sportsman's needs. We too should learn from all these countries to enable our sportsmen to progress.

—Jose Athickad (Darjeeling)

No sport technology

IT is a great pity that a large country like India cannot produce even a single world-class athlete. The main factor is that India's 'sport technology' is not yet advanced enough. Other countries, in their quest of international honours, have brought in biologists, chemists and computers to help the athletes. Comprehensive data is fed into computers to enable coaches to improve the capabilities of the players.

It is clear that if India is to do well in the sports world, we too must follow this new technology. Granted that all this is fast dehumanising sport, taking the fun out of the game. But whether we like it or not, it has come to stay. As the famous Russian coach Valentin Petrovski recently exclaimed, "In the near future, success in sport will depend more on science laboratories than on the athletes."

—Rajendra Joshi (Baroda)

Know your stars

AFTER going through the 'Know Your Stars' column for the last few weeks, it seems that SPORTSWEEK has fallen in love with the basketball players. Why don't you switch your attention to footballers now? We in Calcutta would love to see our favourite soccer stars featured in this column.

—Suprio Ghatak (Calcutta)

(Are you by any chance a new reader of SPORTSWEEK? You'll find all you want to know about Calcutta's soccer internationals in our issues from July 6th, 1975 onwards. So, go on and grab these back-issues.—Ed).

Neutral umpires

IT is time we faced the problem squarely and accepted the fact that cricket is now no longer played as in the past and it is imperative that umpires officiating at Tests should be from countries other than the participating ones. It is true that cricket has been considered a gentleman's game, where the true spirit of sportsmanship prevails, and such a move would run counter to the spirit of the game.

But then the old tradition no longer exists and cannot be resurrected and results are often vitiated by suspect decisions causing bad blood between the teams. After all, this procedure already prevails in football, hockey and tennis (the chief referee). An international pool of umpires should, therefore, be immediately instituted.

—D. D. Dubash (Bombay)



by RAILBIRD

ANY resemblance between the first five days of the current Bangalore Summer Meeting and a comparable period in any year from the start of the decade is purely coincidental. Races have been fewer (32 average 64), fields have been smaller (270 runners, average 83) and the volume of betting has shrunk to the point where it is disturbing.

The restrictions imposed on horses in Classes V-B and V-A and the reservation of maiden races on Wednesdays for only those animals who wintered here are contributory factors. The chief reason is that the large outstation contingents have yet to get into the act and racing so far has been almost entirely restricted to local horses. Considering that nearly 1,000 horses are in training here things are sure to pick up but one wonders whether there will be a similar increase in the volume of betting.

The authorities have sought to attract more betting by reducing the jackpot betting unit from Rs. 10 to Rs. 5 and by reducing the minimum bet with a bookmaker in the First Enclosure from Rs. 60 to Rs. 40 and in the Second Enclosure from Rs. 30 to Rs. 20. The reduction in the bookmaker's betting minimum will certainly work as win place betting on the Tote has always been negligible to the point that the dividend has sometimes been manipulated to benefit those who wager large amounts illegally at tote prices. The reduction of the jackpot unit will not encourage more betting and will not swell the pot.

The reason for that observation is obvious. Most punters first decide which horses they would like to cover in the pool and then make their investment. They do not first decide how much they will invest in the pool and spread the money accordingly. And as very few indeed duplicate their selections it stands to reason that a punter whose permutation choice when the unit was Rs. 10 would require an investment of say Rs. 160 is now going to invest only Rs. 80.

Of course, the reduced unit is beneficial to the average punter

The big shrink

and it may seem strange that this column which is on the punters' side should advocate against it. The fact is that unless race clubs are able to make both ends meet (their principal income is from the commission derived from tote betting) they will be unable to offer attractive stakes and subsidies and racing will die a natural death. The source of racing is the horse and unless an owner is able to collect enough by way of stake winnings and subsidies to keep his string going he will drop out of the game and few owners will result in fewer horses in training and everything will go down.

What the BIC seems to forget is that the initial expense and a compulsory one at that (betting is optional) is the entrance fee. A lower entrance fee will attract more people to the racetrack and this will in the normal course swell the volume of betting. The BIC charges Rs. 10 for the First Enclosure and Rs. 6 for the Second Enclosure on ordinary days. This can profitably be reduced by half to come within the range of the fee charged in Bombay and Madras, for instance.

The entrance fee for the "big" days can remain unchanged as people are attracted by the big occasion and the racetrack is not large enough to accommodate crowds bigger than those which these races already attract. This is an obvious and practicable solution to the problem now facing the BIC and one cannot understand how the authorities have failed to see something which is as plain as the nose on anyone's face.

The early winners have been the fitter and the more experienced animals, as is to be expected. This statement explains why the majority of the outstation runners have yet to be turned out. Unless they are brought into top racing condition trainers will be reluctant to race them and as the main objectives are the Classic time is not of the essence.

Make a note of Star Appeal. He is an early winner as the Gun Poona who was very poorly handled by young Rajin and Red Cap who filled the frame although he was terribly gross.

K. Hariharan — RIP

KASTURI HARIHARAN was on his way to recovery after brain surgery at Madras — successfully operated by an eminent surgeon Dr. Ramamoorthy a fortnight ago. His condition took a sharp turn for the worse and he expired suddenly last week.

Born at Perumbavoor in former Travancore state, Hariharan was 50 years old and leaves behind his wife, a son and two daughters. In 1942, to cure his recurring asthma attack, Hariharan started physical exercises at the Modern Health Home, Bombay. Soon he got rid of asthma and built up a strong physique and at the instance of late Prof. Narayan took to weightlifting. In 1946 at the Bombay State Championships, Hariharan smashed all existing national records in the feather weight division. In 1948 he earned the rare distinction of becoming the first Bombay litter to press 200 lbs. The same year he represented India at the Indo-Burma International meet held at Rangoon. Hariharan also took up the secretaryship of the Bombay State Weightlifting Association and brought to play



his abilities as an efficient organizer and administrator.

In 1949, Hariharan, who was working for the Central PWD, was transferred to Delhi and the loss that Bombay State suffered by this became the gain of Delhi, for, there, he soon took up similar office and put the Delhi Weightlifting Association on sound lines.



"The human body varies from person to person. Mine happens to be stiffer than most others. It therefore needs constant stretching on the field, in the morning and evening," says acrobatic wicket-keeper Alan Knott,

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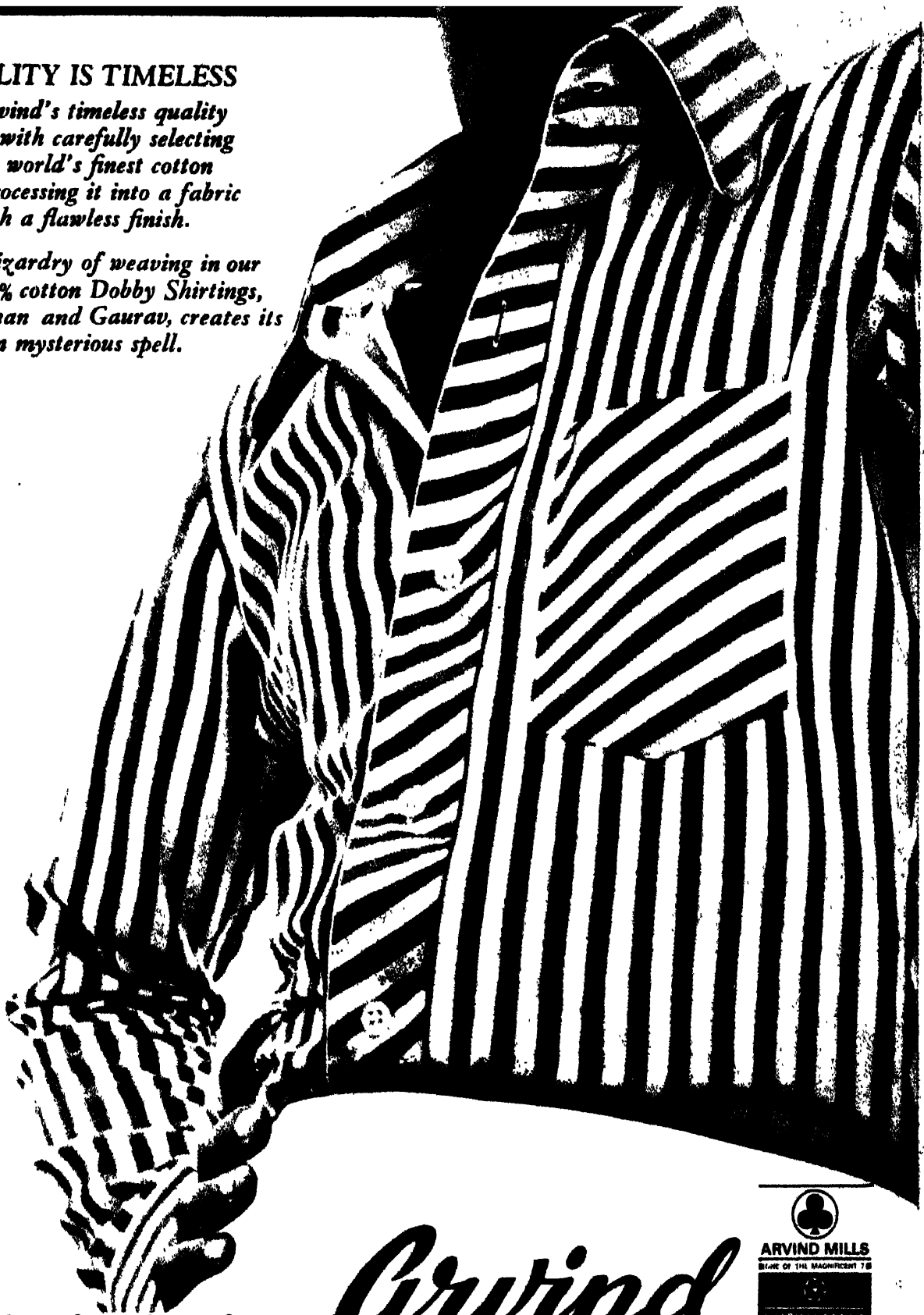
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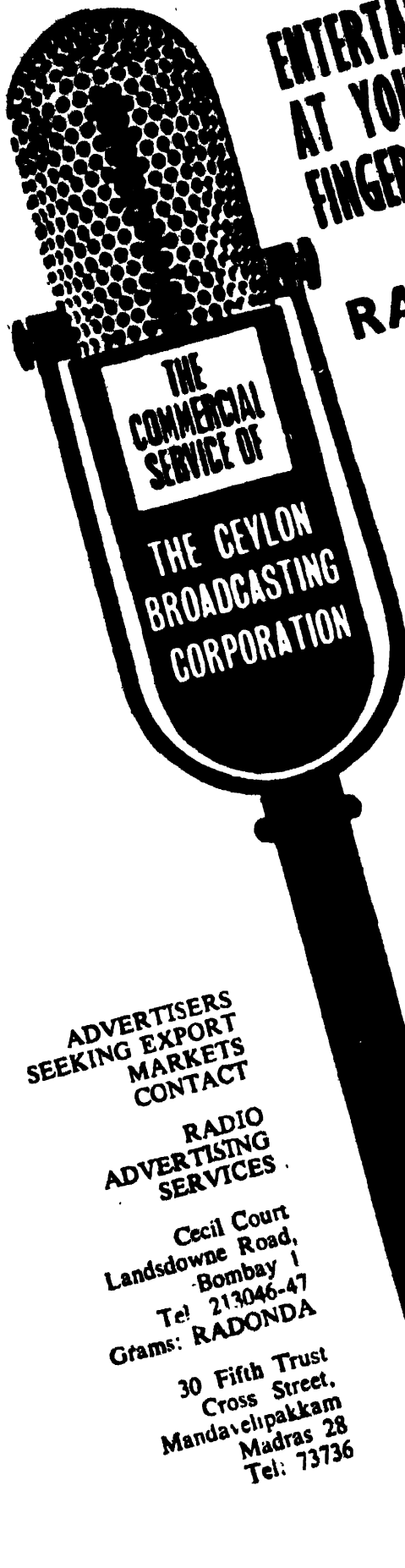


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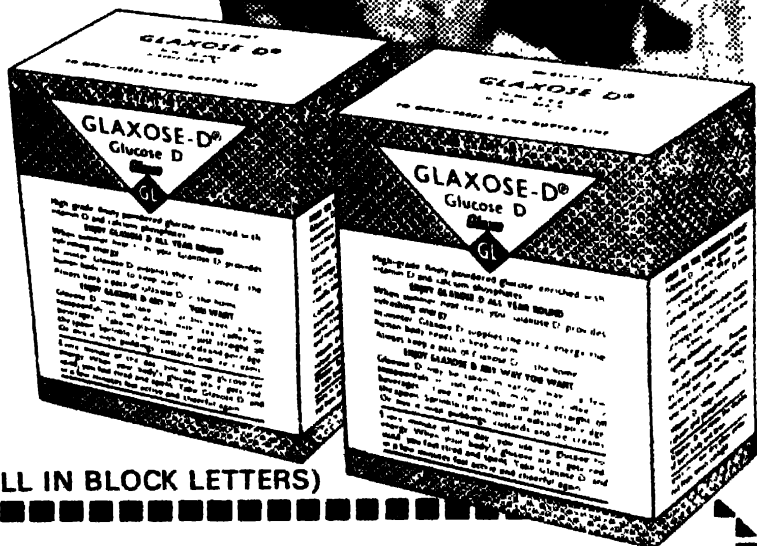
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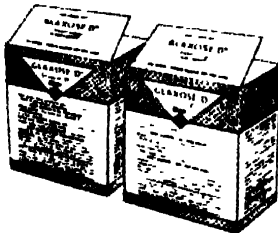
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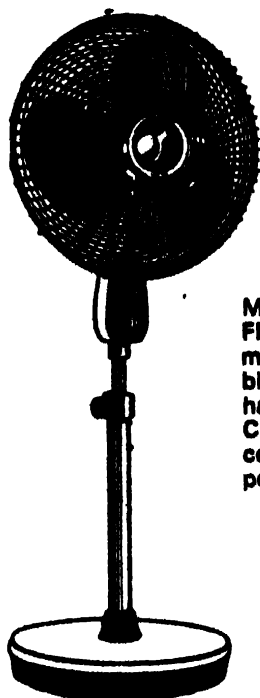
Spot-the-ball contest.... 2

THE response to SPORTSWEEK's Spot-the-ball contest . . . 2 was way beyond what we'd expected . . . in fact, it took us an extra week to arrive at the results! A total of 13,446 entries was received, of which five were able to spot the ball exactly.

The lucky winners are: A. Ramakantha Acharya, Mysore-1, Teddy Mendes, Bombay-29, Nandish Parikh, Akola, Mehmood Retiwala, Bombay-50 and Kersi Kharegat, Bombay-14.

The five share equally the total prize money of Rs. 175 and get Rs. 35 each. The prizes will be despatched to the winners within three weeks.

Several others came very close to the mark. We can only wish them better luck next time — which is, in fact, next week, when there'll be another contest, offering the usual prizes of Rs. 100, Rs. 50 and Rs. 25. Look out for further details in next week's issue.



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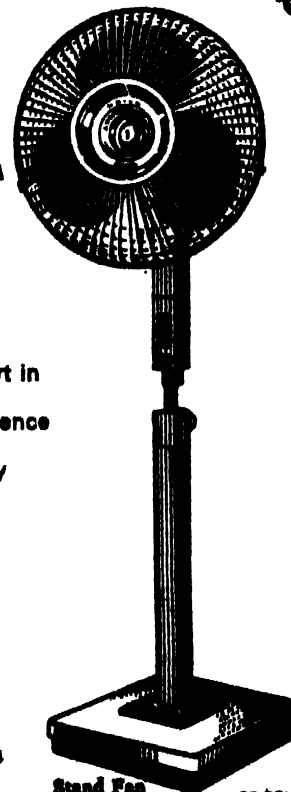
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MAM: Hope for the best

MA. M. RAMASWAMY, president of the Indian Hockey Federation, rates our chances of winning the gold medal at Montreal at a modest 50-50. But he hastens to add that this is no reflection on the selection, training and fitness of the players which, in his opinion, have left nothing to be desired.

It's just that Montreal isn't Kuala Lumpur and the astro-turf isn't really our cup of tea. Besides West Germany, Pakistan and Holland are at their peak and there's really a very small gap between the top teams of the world today. Much of course will depend on how soon we settle down to conditions in Montreal, concludes the man who has taken Indian hockey back to the top, adding: "Let's all pray for the boys."

HITTING OUT... KHALID ANSARI

Operation Olympic gold: Cautious optimism and a tinge of sadness

THE atmosphere of guarded optimism and hopeful expectation that surrounds the Indian hockey team on the eve of its departure for Paris en route to Montreal in quest of the Olympic gold, is the result of months of dedicated hard-work, systematic training and careful preparation at Patiala. The team and those in charge of it, radiate confidence — not a blind, foolhardy, cocky confidence but one tinged with the reality of the tough opposition we will encounter in Montreal, not only in the shape of the Germans, the Pakistanis, the Dutch and others but also the new 'astro-turf' to which the Indian team is not yet accustomed.

There is absolutely no reason why this fit Indian side should not add the Olympic title to the World Cup it won at Kuala Lumpur. We at SPORTSWEEK have offered the team a little more than our best wishes — there's a modest incentive of Rs. 10,000 to the families of the players in the event of India winning the Olympic gold. (See box on p 9).

Amidst all the happy expectations and exhilaration which is a natural concomitant to the departure of any Indian hockey team in search of the Olympic title, there is a sour note which conscience does not permit us to gloss over: full-back Kindo's avoidable dropping out of the team and the manner in which he has been treated thereafter are most deplorable.

The negligence of the NIS doctors, as reported by R. Sriman in The Times of India, in treating Kindo after his plaster cast had first been opened should, if true, be taken serious note of. The sad plight of former goalkeeper Charles is still fresh in our memory. In that case, it was never conclusively established, though grave suspicions were voiced, that the injury was due to neglect by the medical team at the NIS. Nevertheless, it hardly speaks well of Asia's premier sporting institute that a second case of what is reportedly shocking medical ineptitude — though, mercifully, not of the same severity — should arise again so soon.

We do not purport to possess more than a superficial knowledge of medicine — but it does appear somewhat extraordinary on the face of it that a minor hairline fracture should fail to heal after such a long time, as reported. One is most reluctantly compelled to question the competence of the NIS' medical faculty — not for the sake of launching a witch-hunt but in the sincere hope of preventing the repetition of such cases of what appears to be gross negligence to sportsmen in the future.

Start of the massacre

MCC crash to 219-run defeat

by PAT GIBSON

THE shadow of Michael Holding is growing as England's selectors count the days before the first Test at Trent Bridge.

Dennis Amiss has four stitches in his scalp, Graham Roope and Derek Taylor bruised elbows and Holding seven good wickets to show for his first appearance at Lord's for the West Indians against MCC.

Add to that the mess he made of their Test prospects—and those of one or two more besides—and you get the measure of his impact in only his second first class match in England.

The 22-year-old Jamaican is a natural athlete. He looks as though he could be the fastest man over 22 yards with or without a cricket ball. And he is maturing rapidly into a great bowler.

So much so that people tend to forget his inexperience, making few allowances when he strays off line or lets one slip like the delivery that whistled past the astonished Alan Butcher's nose.

A beamer, said some, adding to the legend of the new terror bowler from the Caribbean. But was it deliberate?

"Not at all," said skipper Clive Lloyd, annoyed that anyone should even ask the question. "It slipped and the batsman knew it. He just swayed out of the way."

Butcher confirmed: "It was a complete accident."

"Why should Michael want to bowl a beamer anyway?" Lloyd wanted to know. "The bloke had only just come in and done nothing to annoy him. And in any case, he is not that kind of chap."

But Lloyd warns: "He is still bowling well within himself."

Amiss admits he did not pick up the one that hit him. Twice Roope took his eye off the ball and was struck on the elbow, needing a painkilling spray.

Roope, so obviously perturbed

by Holding's pace, must have jeopardised his chances of staying in the Test side. With Andy Roberts quickly ending the brave Amiss' resumed innings and Van Holder exposing Butcher's weakness outside the off stump, it was left to two more of the "old brigade" to show the kind of resolution, courage and technique England will need.



Clive Lloyd sends one to the cover boundary against MCC at Lord's

Brearley, aged 34, enhanced his chances by battling it out for two hours, 50 minutes before Roberts had him lbw. And left-hander Richard Gilliat, the 32-year-old Hampshire captain, played the innings of the day, hitting five 4s in a defiant 66.

And that was just the start. In the second innings the MCC batsmen were totally humiliated by the West Indian fast bowlers.

There was the spectacle of Andy Roberts, Michael Holding and Vanburn Holder routing a side containing seven probable Test batsmen for 83.

The list of failures is alarming and the only ones with anything to prove would seem to be the spin bowlers. And for them to have any say in the proceedings later in the summer they will need runs to play with.

That, judging by what happened at Lord's, seems a very remote possibility. The only English batsmen to escape with their reputations untarnished were the ones who were not there.

The West Indian pacemen were too good. Holding and Roberts were too quick and Holder as I thought he might be, just the type to expose pressurised batsmen with his accuracy and movement.

Look at their second innings figures: Roberts 12-6-21-2, Holding 12-8-18-3, Holder 11-5-23-5.

MCC, who had been set to score 303 in three hours 35 minutes, were bowled out in 35 overs and beaten by 219 runs. Extras contributed more than a quarter of the total, and the top scorer was Alan Ward, who was playing because of his fast bowling.

Add to this Lloyd's assertion that his speed men are still bowling well within themselves and you may just glimpse the enormity of England's problems.

It was not as though you could blame the pitch. Viv Richards, the Antiguan run machine, and Larry

Gomes, who would not even have been considered as a Test probable if he was English, both completed centuries in the West Indies second innings.

Earlier, Bernard Julien, fighting to retain his place in the West Indies side for the first Test, bowled the tourists to victory over his adopted county, Kent, at Canterbury.

His burst of five for 17 in 9.2 overs shattered a side crippled by injuries and, with 20-year-old apprentice Wayne Daniel producing genuine pace to take the other four wickets, Kent were all out for 94 in two hours 20 minutes and beaten by 152 runs.

Julien's allround contribution to the tourists' second successive win — aggressive unbeaten innings of 62 and 35 and the devastating spell of slanted left-arm swing bowling — could not have been better timed.

The 26-year-old Trinidad allrounder, who was hailed as another Sobers when he joined Kent in 1970, often looked a jaded individual in Australia during the winter. And only two wickets from 101 overs in four subsequent Tests against India must have put his Test place in jeopardy.

In the Kent match the casualty was England wicket-keeper Alan Knott, one of the few men certain of a place against West Indies in the first Test.

While his county colleague Bob

Woolmer was virtually clinching his England selection with a marvellous, unbeaten 114 against the West Indians at Canterbury, Knott was on his way to hospital for an X-ray on his right index finger.

It had been trapped against the bat handle by a lifting delivery from the tourists' young fast bowler Wayne Daniel.

The X-ray showed a chipped bone which is expected to keep him out of cricket for at least two weeks, though the ever-optimistic Knott said: "I will know more when I see the surgeon shortly but I hope it will heal quicker than that." His chances must be slim.

Now for the good news for England. Nothing short of a previously undisclosed allergy to willow, sawdust or, like the unfortunate Lawrence Rowe, grasses, can keep Woolmer out of the Test side.

The Kent allrounder, 28 last week, continued where he left off last summer against the Australians whom he hit for 71 not out, 55, 85, 33, 31 and a final Test epic of 149.

The man fighting for a place in the headlines with the West Indian "terror" men is Larry Gomes, surprise selection for the tour.

The delicate-looking Gomes, named Hilary Angelo back in Arima, Trinidad, in 1953, has appeared frequently for Middlesex in the past two years without show-

ing real signs of international class, and was actually dropped last season.

But while some of the big West Indian names have been struggling for form in the opening games of the tour, he has taken his chance to run up an aggregate of 209 in his first four innings.

Gomes' performances is significant. And especially in view of the latest diagnosis on the unfortunate Lawrence Rowe — "allergic to grasses" — which could well keep him out of the first Test on June 3, if not the whole tour.

Gomes seems to have the application some of the others lacked in Australia and, with growing confidence, a range of handsome strokes.

Alvin Kallicharran, despite the fibrositis in his right forearm that is aggravated by the cold, played an important innings that should keep him in a happy frame of mind for the first Test.

West Indians 267 for 5 decl. (Kallicharran 83, Julien 62 not out, Gomes 61) and 171 for 5 decl.

Kent 192 for 4 decl. (Woolmer 114 not out) and 94 (Julien 5 for 33 and Daniel 4 for 33).

West Indians 251 for 9 decl. (Greenidge 82, Lloyd 60, Ward 4-69) and 248 for 3 decl. (Richards 113, Gomes 101 not out).

MCC 197 (Gilliat 66, Holding 4 for 44) and 83 (Holder 5 for 23).

Holding strikes...exit Amiss

THE question mark that has hung over Dennis Amiss ever since he emerged from the Lillee-Thomson torture chamber reappeared at the first sight of the new West Indian pace bowler Michael Holding.

Blood was split for the first time this tour in Holding's third over against MCC at Lord's — and it just had to be Amiss who walked back to the pavilion with a head wound that required four stitches.

The poor fellow has suffered so many blows, both physical and mental, in the past year or so that it's a wonder he hasn't chucked away his bat in favour of some less dangerous pursuit like bull-fighting or shark-hunting.

Yet he will bat again, still searching, even praying, for the answer to his pain-filled problems against pace that have turned the world's most prolific batsman of 1974 into a sitting target for every fast bowler from the Antipodes to the Caribbean.

Now it seems inconceivable that he will ever be a viable proposition in a summer that promises an unending barrage of quick bowling from a West Indian quintet



Holding... draws first blood (top) and sends Amiss out of the Test side



that is here to win a Test series as swiftly as it knows how.

Tour manager Clyde Walcott's sympathy for Amiss contained no hint of any letup in hostilities.

"It was unfortunate," he told me. "And I am happy that Dennis Amiss does not seem too seriously hurt."

"Michael Holding bowled pretty quick in his three overs, though his line was not as good as it is normally."

"It is all a question of interpretation but I don't think this one was a true bouncer. Because it was not that short-pitched, it did not go over his head."

"Unfortunately, Amiss did not seem to pick it up early enough ducked a little bit late and probably took his eye off the ball."

That seems an accurate description of what happened. Amiss himself admits that he did not see what hit him.

The unfortunate outcome: a glancing blow on the back of the head and a blood-spattered message to the England selectors that if they did not know what their priorities were before then they certainly do now.

CLOSE CALL

ENGLAND's selectors have recalled 45-year old Brian Close for the first Test match against the West Indies which began at Nottingham on Thursday.

Close's reaction to rumours of his recall had been: "If they picked me again it would be grandad's army—let alone dad's army."

And after his superb 88 for Somerset against the West Indians he said: "It has given me tremendous pleasure to do so well against the West Indians. I have never been afraid of fast bowling and still feel I can face the pacemen as well as ever."

Skipper Greig wanted Close, who is totally fearless and some say a bit eccentric, and the selectors, after agonising over the matter sent out the call.

The 12 are: Tony Greig (Sussex, capt.), John Edrich (Surrey), Mike Brearley (Middlesex), David Steele (Northants), Brian Close (Somerset), Bob Woolmer (Kent), Alan Knott (Kent), Chris Old (Yorkshire), John Snow (Sussex), Derek Underwood (Kent), Mike Hendrick (Derbyshire) and Roger Tolchard (Leicestershire).



Brian Close . . . gets the call at crisis time

Cricketers of the week . . . 2

BIRTHS

June 6

M. J. Gopalan (India) 1909
P. E. Jones (WI) 1917
F. H. Tyson (Eng) 1930
H. R. Lance (SA) 1940
Asif Iqbal (Pak) 1943

June 7

E. H. Bowley (Eng) 1890

June 8

H. Carter (Aus) 1878
L. F. Townsend (Eng) 1903
S. Nazir Ali (India) 1906
V. M. Muddiah (India) 1929
R. Illingworth (Eng) 1932
R. N. S. Hobbs (Eng) 1942
D. L. Underwood (Eng) 1945

June 10

S. M. Gavaskar (India) 1949

June 11

G. A. E. Paine (Eng) 1908
J. S. Manning (Aus) 1924

June 12

W. Attewell (Eng) 1861
J. W. Burke (Aus) 1930
I. D. Craig (Aus) 1935
G. Griffin (SA) 1939

DEATH

June 4

W. Attewell (Eng) 1927.

—K. ISWARA DUTT

INDIA v THE REST

The Indian hockey team, bound for the Montreal Olympics, played a series of exhibition matches against Rest of India XIs, winning five of them and drawing one. The last one was played on the lush Bombay Gymkhana turf on the eve of the team's departure for France and Belgium and then on to Canada.



Rest of India goalkeeper Olympio Fernandes foils an attempt by Govinda to score, but the dashing India forward did get the better of him twice in the exhibition match at the Bombay Gym which the India team won 4-0. Phillips scored the other two goals.



Chand Singh leaps over the fallen Rest XI goalkeeper — symbolic of the ease in which the Olympians got the better of the Rest.

Plucky Eastern triumph

THE major hockey competitions of the season — and the Aga Khan Tournament was no exception—merely served to emphasise the national dearth of great, attacking, sharp-shooting forwards. The long years of stonewalling have had a sterilising effect on midfield play and sharpness inside the striking circle. Safety-first, defend-at-all costs tactics are ill-suited to our brand of hockey and it is high time that the club sides revert to the open and more aggressive style of play.

The systematic ease and controlled fury with which the

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realised that they had bitten off more than they could chew.

Eastern Railway (Calcutta) were not cowed down by such tactics. They gave the opposition a dose of their own medicine. Haider, Manjit Singh and Ashok Kumar were tough and aggressive. Ironically, Narinder was the loudest in his post-match complaints that his shins and fingers were bruised. "I took a terrible beating," he said.

tanians, the Bombay Customs and Manavadar in the competition and was one of the main drawcards at the famous Bombay Gymkhana ground during the golden era of Indian hockey, had scored several goals in similar fashion himself.

His spontaneous reaction to the strident whistle of umpire Pinto which negated a legitimate point was absolutely correct. But there was not a murmur of protest from the Railwaymen from Calcutta, one of the better disciplined sides in a competition that attracted a motley array of nondescript nonentities and prompted a wag to the caustic remark: "Why not a Bhel Puri XI?" Yes, indeed, why not!

But justice — it seems to have a happy knack of doing so — prevailed in the tie-breaker. Narinder, for all his wristy power, fluffed his penalty-stroke and Ashok Kumar converted his with a fine air of confidence to settle the issue. Punjab Police were badly hit by the non-availability of deep defender Swaran. Outside-right Dalbir was asked to man this post and this had an adverse effect on the solidarity of their defence and the speed and rhythm of their attack in which Surinder and Gurdip just could not get going.

Three of the four teams in the semi-finals were from Jullundur and it was inevitable that one of them should make the final. Army Service Corps can play percentage hockey. Their deep defenders, Toppo and Bengra, are strong tacklers and make few mistakes. The mainstay of their attack is Vincent Lakra who, when in the mood, can strike up a lively combination with John Wilson and outside left Lazarus Lakra. But, by and large, they rely on corner awards to bring them their goals.

It is time that Border Security Force (Jullundur) thought in terms of replacement for Udhm Singh and Tarsem who have their best years behind them. These veterans cannot stand up to the demands of a hard, fast game. They could not match the pace and ideas of Parminder, a promising inside-right. Bhopal Singh was a poor substitute for Ajit Pal, the India captain, at centre-half. But Vinod Kumar was superb in the deep defence and also converted a penalty-corner for the BSF to give them a quick equaliser in the first half of the first-leg semi-final.

An opportunist goal by Vincent Lakra from a cleverly executed indirect attempt from a corner by Balbir and a Toppo penalty-corner gave ASC the odd goal advantage. They held on to their gains in the second-leg. Goalkeeper Fredericks,

SPORTSWEEK's Rs. 10,000 offer

SPORTSWEEK, in keeping with its tradition of promoting sport and aiding sportsmen, has offered a sum of Rs 10,000 to be distributed equally among the families of the hockey players chosen to represent India at the Montreal Olympic Games should they return with the gold medal.

This is not the first time SPORTSWEEK has made such an offer. A similar one was made to the families of the team that represented the country at the second World Cup at Amsterdam.

Besides, SPORTSWEEK which has been awarding 'Man of the Match' awards for our cricket Tests, gave a cash award to Vijay Amritraj for winning the Delhi Grand Prix. It has also raised funds for the Bangladesh refugees and for the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. It also proposed to raise money for retired and disabled sportsmen.

Punjab Police forwards, with Surinder, Gurdip and Balbir Singh making excellent use of the short, square pass and the first-time through ball, tore through the Indian Airlines defence and rattled up six goals at their third meeting turned out to be illusory. The sharp edge of their marauding raids was blunted by intelligent half-back play and the well organised defence of Eastern Railway who steamed into the final via the tie-breaker.

The first-leg semi-final meeting between these two fast and fit sides brought to the surface all that is unhealthy in field hockey. The rugged Narinder Singh, who has seen the yellow card more often than any other player in the game today, may have set the pattern for rough-and-ready tactics. He was quick to hit the opponent on the follow-through. But the policemen from Jullundur soon

The rivals shared two goals at the first meeting. The second-leg produced fast and clean hockey and earned Eastern Railway many admirers for their final showdown with Army Service Corps (Jullundur), winners of both the Beighton Cup (Calcutta) and Guru Tegh Bahadur Gold Cup (Bombay). Rohtas Singh was indifferent and sluggish and was not sharp enough to get to some good goal-scoring openings made for him by his colleagues. But the wayward centre-forward should have settled the issue in favour of Eastern Railway in the dying minutes of extra-time when he crashed a pass from the left on the rise into the roof of the net.

Umpire Maurice Pinto disallowed the goal for "chopping." From his vantage point in the Committee Box, Johnny Pinto murmured: "No, no. Oh, no! That's a perfectly good goal." The illustrious inside-left, who played for the Lus-

who played for India at Munich and then was thrown on to the scrap-heap of oblivion by the IHF selectors, brought off some good saves to thwart BSF's late bid for another equaliser. Balbir Singh palmed a goalbound scoop from a melee following a penalty-corner. The ASC right half-back and skipper did create the impression that he had propelled the ball.

That was the nearest that BSF came to a goal and quite predictably they lodged a protest on a point of fact. It was turned down by the Tournament Committee, sadder and wiser men now after their awful clanger on a similar protest by Indian Airlines which was upheld.

There was no fluke about Eastern's victory in the final. They rehearsed their parts well overnight. Not a single player forgot his lines. Superb half-back play and intelligent use of their speedy wingers, Ishtaque Hussein and Thapa, saw them subject the better performed ASC to long moments of agonising pressure.

Centre-half Shyam Sunder allowed Vincent Lakra little or no respite. Chatterji played right on top of John Wilson, while Haider, who used an extraordinarily long stick to bring off some splendid interceptions, was quick to recover and hold Lazarus Lakra in check. Deep defenders, Manjit Singh and Ashok Kumar, showed an occasional touch of class with first-time clearances and shrewd deflections when under pressure.

The final was not without its bright moments and flashes of technical brilliance. The trapping of both sides was reasonably good on the billiard-table surface of a well-maintained ground.

Raj Kumar, who started out as a right half-back, settled down nicely for them at inside-left. He has matured a great deal and showed that he has as fast a stick as his celebrated brother, Ashok Kumar. This time Raj Kumar concentrated on giving his left wing partner, Hussein, a good service. Balbir played deep down and did hold the ebullient Hussein in check, in a manner of speaking, in the first half when Parampal and Raj Kumar made good use of the ball in midfield. But when Balbir moved to the top of the circle for a corner midway through the second session, the door was left wide open for a speedy counter-attack and an electrifying goal from the left wing.

The ball was quickly scrambled out of the circle by an Eastern Railway defender. Raj Kumar pounced on it and after a quick, sharp bout of passing with Hussein in his own half put the winger through just over the centre line. Hussein tore down the flank like an express train which has pulled out all the stops.

Long line of greats

EASTERN RAILWAY hit the headlines with their convincing and well-deserved victory in the Aga Khan tournament. Theirs was no flash-in-the-pan victory and is a tribute to that smoothly-run body, the Eastern Railway Athletic Association.

That Eastern are top-notchers in the Railway sporting world is borne out by the fact that they are leading in the race for the M. K. Gold Cup, the highest honour awarded to the overall winner of the 22 tournaments conducted by the Railway Sports Control Board.

Steering the ship of Eastern's sport are men of the calibre of P. K. Banerjee, N. K. Nandy, Anil Bhatta-

charjee, P. K. Bagchi, B. K. Bhowmick and S. N. Mukherjee. The hockey team were also runners-up in the State league this year.

Their kabaddi team has won the State title 14 times in a row and also bagged the all-India title at Sangli this year. And that's not all — their weightlifters, swimmers and rifle-shooters have bagged many a trophy.

Besides the line-up of greats that this railway has produced since 1948 is long and impressive. Just to name a few there are S. Mewalal, S. Nandy and P. K. Banerjee (football), L. K. Das, A. K. Das and Anil Mondal (weightlifting) and P. K. Chatterjee (rifle shooting).



SPORTSWEEK Managing Director Khalid Ansari receives from Mrs. Millar the gift of Rs. 2001 made by the Aga Khan Tournament Committee to the Sports Journalists Association of Bombay

He was smart enough to cut in as soon as he crossed the ASC twenty-five-yard line. He burst into the circle ahead of Bengra and crashed the ball into the net with a wristy scoop while on the run. Goalkeeper Fredericks, who had brought off a good save when he deflected a penalty-corner shot by Ashok Kumar out of play with his stick early in the game, did not seem to know from where the ball came or where it went. ASC never looked like getting an equaliser to that goal. In the first half, Ashok Kumar trapped a weak penalty-corner shot by Toppo on the goal-line.

Eastern were full value for their exciting victory. They are only the second Calcutta side to win the Aga Khan Cup. The first was Mohun

Bagan, who shared the trophy with Punjab Police in 1944. But it is a good thing for hockey that the trophy has gone to the Eastern Metropolis which has produced so many outstanding players of truly international class in the past.

The Fairplay Trophy, donated by Inderjit Rai, went to Corps of Engineers (Bangalore) and a special award of Rs. 2,001 to the Sports Journalists Association of Bombay. The special cheer that greeted Khalid Ansari when he went up to receive the award from Mrs. Millar on behalf of the SJAB of which he is a vice-president spoke volumes for his personal popularity and the public's sense of appreciation of the work that the sports-writer of today is doing.

Arnold, swinging in the rain...

It is not only the gardeners and groundsmen of England who are praying for rain. Bowlers such as Geoff Arnold would like a drop too.

The 31 year old Surrey star, leading exponent of the English art of seam and swing this past decade, has not given up hope of playing Test cricket again this year.

"But the weather's got to change," he admitted candidly. "Then I've still got a chance, if I can knock a few over early on."

When all the talk is of Roberts and Holding and how quick they're going to be, of Snow and Willis and how much of a deterrent they represent, it may sound incongruous to be talking of the relatively gentle Arnold in the same context.

Yet the story of this year's Surrey beneficiary underlines the fact that extreme pace has rarely been the ultimate weapon in England as even Lillee and Thomson found to their growing discomfort last summer.

Arnold otherwise known as Horse from his initials G.A., saw himself as a member of that thoroughbred breed when he set out on the road to 34 Tests all over the world.

But it did not take him very many overs to decide that trying to bowl fast day in and day out at the Oval, even 14 years ago, was a mug's game.

"I came here in 1962 primarily to be a quick bowler," he admits. "But I soon worked out that it was a bit stupid on our wicket. So I slowed down and tried to swing it about more."

"I had watched all the great ones of the time on television, Trueman, Statham, Wes Hall, and I thought I had the ingredients to be genuinely fast."

"There's not a greater sight in



Geoff Arnold... with a bit of rain he will do wonders

the game than to see the quick bowler racing in from 20 or 30 yards and I would love to have been one of them.

"I would have been more successful abroad if I had. And I would have been able to give a few of them back some of the medicine they've handed out to me."

"But there's no incentive, not at the Oval. It's different for people like John Snow and Peter Lever at Hove and Old Trafford. They've always got some encouragement to be a bit quick."

"Still I've no regrets. Peter Loader was the one who really gave me the most help, showed me how to swing the ball."

"I used to hold it out the orthodox way for the away swinger, pointing at first slip. He held it differently, pointing it straight down the wicket, which was a bit unorthodox."

Unorthodox or not, Arnold's success can be judged from his figures. At the start of this season he had taken 850 wickets at an average of less than 22. In Tests alone he has 115, average 28.

Once an Achilles tendon injury, suffered while playing football, has completely healed, there will be no fiercer competitor as Horse strives to regain his England place.

And not just against the West Indies. Quick bowlers do not flourish so well in India, either, which is where England go next winter.

And Arnold is quick to point out: "My best Test performance—6 for 45—was in Delhi. There was not a blade of grass, but the mud they had rolled out was a bit soft and the ball made indentations on it and seamed. The atmosphere there, too, seems to suit swing and movement. I would love to go there again."

Food for thought.

—PAT GIBSON

... With Snow, Ward and Hendrick

JOHN SNOW, still England's No. 1 fast bowler, is in form and as eager for work as I have seen him in 10 years.

That's good news for England's selectors, who will soon pick the Test side.

Snow's performance at Basingstoke last week was a handsome 6 for 62 and was watched by selectors' chairman Alec Bedser. Snow got through Hampshire for 190 when the wicket played easily to leave Sussex with a lead of 47.

One of the important features of 34-year-old Snow's performance was that he obviously enjoyed his 30-over stint and the deliveries with which he bowled three batsmen were superbly controlled and genuinely fast.

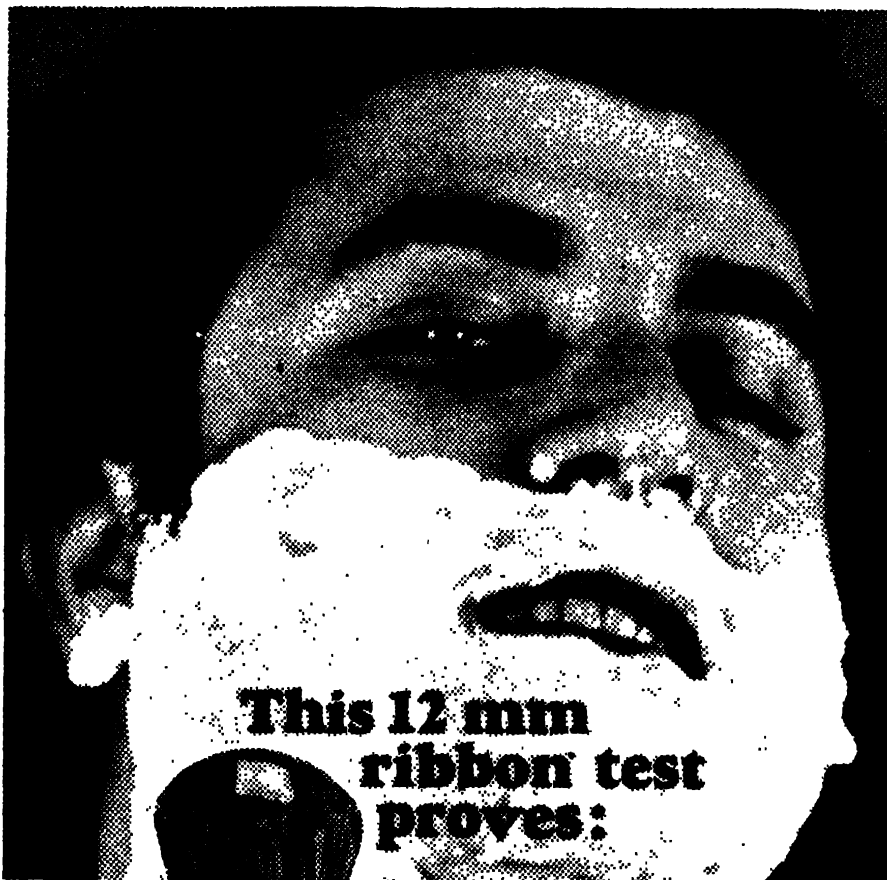
Another factor which brought a gleam of hope to England's chances in the coming Test matches, was seven of those nine West Indian wickets against the MCC at Lord's went to the Derbyshire opening

pair Alan Ward and Mike Hendrick.

Had these two been given reasonable support it could well have been a very bad day for the West Indies.

This success must be most encouraging to the England selectors. Alan Ward, for so long in the wilderness through injury and the wrong mental attitude, appears at last to have everything right.

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BOOK-SHELF

INDIAN FOOTBALL, 1975, compiled, edited and published by S. L. Ghosh, 41, Municipal Office Lane, Calcutta-700 028. Pages 220. Price Rs. 6.

UNLIKE cricket, books with an accent on statistics on other games in India, especially football and hockey are rare, or rather virtually non-existent. Bearing this in mind it is understandable that Ghosh's book does not go far towards filling a vacuum, though as a former honorary statistician of the All-India Football Federation, he cannot entirely lay the blame at the door of others. And for a compilation done over four and half years it is not impressive, there are several blanks as well as some errors.

One would be inclined to gloss over these shortcomings and encourage Ghosh but for his seizing opportunities to hurl brickbats at the AIFF of which he was part and parcel. For instance, he blames haphazard selection and lack of combined practice for India's disappointing showing in the Western Zone, Asian Football championship at Ernakulam in 1959, which, according to him, was no surprise.

One would like to ask Ghosh, why, in the circumstances, he took on the post of the manager of the team? Also it is hard to swallow the explanation of India losing all the second-leg ties in the four team event after having finished on top at the end of the first leg. Injuries to forwards in the first leg tie against Iran are given as the reason. But the team had ten forwards, besides two among the five halves who could play in the attack.

Ghosh apparently has not made any such allowance for the poor

results of our teams in later events. Nor has he taken into consideration conditions abroad, besides the strides made by our Asian rivals when he bemoans the slide in the standard of a country that was once regarded as the best in the continent.

He has accounted for the falling standard by accusing the AIFF and the big bosses. But he has not shown nor suggested a way out of the guidelines of the Education Ministry and he is aware as his fear of India's non-participation in the Asian Cup in December 1975 and the pre-Olympic makes clear.

From his long association with the game as a journalist and administrator, one expected Ghosh at least to trace how grew the cancer that has afflicted our football. For the knowledge of the causes will help in finding a cure. The circumventing of these could have been accepted had Ghosh not lashed out at the AIFF on some occasions and held back his whip at others, and also had Ghosh confined himself to being merely a chronicler.

Even his statistical accounts and reports of India's matches are scanty. There is much scope for improvement with filling in of many details. At best the book serves as a reference book on the personnel of Indian teams, results, etc., where there was no such compilation.

—SHARP SHOOTER

THE ART OF CRICKET by Sir Donald Bradman. 1975 reprint by Rupa & Co. By arrangement with Hodder & Stoughton, England. Pages 240. Price Rs. 60.

SIR DONALD BRADMAN's accumulated experience of several

years as the world's greatest batsman, selector and administrator is transmitted to his readers through the pages of this superb volume.

Primarily meant for the youngster taking to the game, it has also helped to sort out problems for any number of adults — for commentators, Test players, administrators, spectators — and has often been the ultimate judge in a cricketing argument. Profusely illustrated.

THE FAST MEN by David Frith. Published by Van Nostrand Reinhold Co. Ltd. Distributed in India by East and West Affiliated Press.

AFTER the mauling received from Holding by the Indian batsmen at Sabina Park recently, the cry has again gone up in our country for producing fast bowlers. When you are at the receiving end, you would like to have someone like Jeff Thomson (who adorns the cover) to retaliate, be on the side that's dishing it out instead of taking it always. That's the sort of feeling that runs down your spine just going through the book.

The fast bowlers cavalcade begins way back in the 1760s with Edward 'Lumpy' Stevens, the man to whom the bowlers owe a debt of gratitude for forcing legislation for a third (middle) stump, through Spofforth, Kirtwright, Gregory, McDonald, Lindwall, Tyson to Lillee, Thomson and Roberts.

According to John Arlott (preface), the chronicler is a natural for the book as Frith was born in England, brought up in Australia, returned to England where he became Editor of *The Cricketer*, and has a considerable feeling for West Indies cricket. And it is that trinity of nations which has produced, at one time or other, the 'fastest' men of succeeding decades.

L. P. JAI—Memories of a Great Batsman. Edited by Vasant Raji, 6A, Rockside, 112, Walkeshwar Road, Bombay 6. Pages 56. Price Rs. 7.

FROM 1920 to 1941, L. P. Jai rode the Indian cricket scene like a Colossus. Attack was his watchword and attack he did from the beginning to the end. Had Jai possessed the patience and concentration of a Hazare or a Merchant, he would have scored more runs than any other Indian cricketer. But how could a batsman, who risked so much and took so many liberties with the bowlers be expected to be consistent?

Vasant Raji wrote on Raji and Trumper earlier from reference books, but Jai he knew first hand. He had watched him play as well as played with him during later days. In this little book, the editor pays his tributes to Jai with the help of articles from Vijay Merchant, A. F. S. Talyarkhan and D. R. Joshi with illustrations from Jai's playing days.

ALL IN THE GAME!



Can I appeal against the light?

CONNORS'



CORNER

I HAVE been fortunate enough to win Wimbledon, Forest Hills and many other titles. Then late last year I realised my life's ambition by representing my country in the Davis Cup. Each one of these matches had its own individual pressures.

However, I honestly believe that the most sustained pressure that I have ever felt was in the challenge matches. In individual tournaments you have a chance to peak your game with a series of early round matches.

Basically, it is not how you play on Monday that counts, but how you play on Friday or Saturday, if you are fortunate enough to arrive at that particular time of the week.

Then in Las Vegas the pressure was centred on one match against the top opponent in the world. There are no tomorrows; it's now or never. I told Bill Riordan after the Newcombe match, "Bill, no more of these for a while. It's too tough on my stomach."

I have never known cramps in my life, but after the Laver match I had the worst case of cramps imaginable. When you think that \$250,000 is riding on the outcome, and in addition to that, the world's heavyweight title of tennis, you can imagine how I felt in Las Vegas.

Whichever way you look at it my return to Davis Cup tennis was quite an experience. The United States team completed a five-match sweep of Venezuela in Tucson, Ariz.

For a start I had a touch of the Tucson tremors — a feeling of nervousness as we approached the start of the match against Venezuela. Once play got underway it was okay, but talk about pre-match nerves!

The last time I was due to play Davis Cup was in Jamaica back in 1972, but at the last moment a family death caused me to with-

Davis Cup and I

draw. And since 1972 the name of Jimmy Connors was conspicuous by its absence from the United States Davis Cup team.

Many theories, much speculation and gossip have circulated throughout tennis as to why this was. Most of the stories were wildly inaccurate.

I felt that Davis Cup tennis was not right for me at that time. There were also differences of opinion between me and other people in tennis. In addition I had personal reasons for not competing which would not be personal reasons any more if I were to go into them now.

But it's all water under the bridge. Everything is in order and whatever differences there were have gone. All that remains is a desire to play tennis for the United States.

Tennis politics I do not want to know. Hopefully, a long run in the Davis Cup squad lies ahead.

For me it is certainly a new experience being part of a team. The others — Dick Stockton, Erik Van Dillen, Brian Gottfried and Roscoe Tanner as well as non-playing captain Tony Trabert—are well known to me of course.

But this team scene is a different ball game altogether. In Davis Cup all-round team performance is what counts. Obviously, individual performance is very important, but each member of the squad has to be concerned about the others.

Suddenly, you realise that this isn't for Connors, or Van Dillen, or Stockton, Tanner or Gottfried. This is for the United States of America. It's a strange, humbling realisation.

It's a good feeling and a great honour to be chosen to represent 210 million of your countrymen and women in any sport. It may not be fashionable to hold that view these days, but from where I'm sitting that's the way it looks.

A job he loves to hate

I T has become an almost obligatory part of the Wimbledon scene, I know.

But if the referee this year is forced to remonstrate with some foreign, tantrum-prone tennis star, spare the man a moment's sympathy. He will be hating it.

The era of Captain Mike Gibson, all bristling moustache and imperious finger-wagging, is over.

Instead, we have farmer Fred Hoyles, Lincolnshire landowner, county councillor and lover of the quiet life.

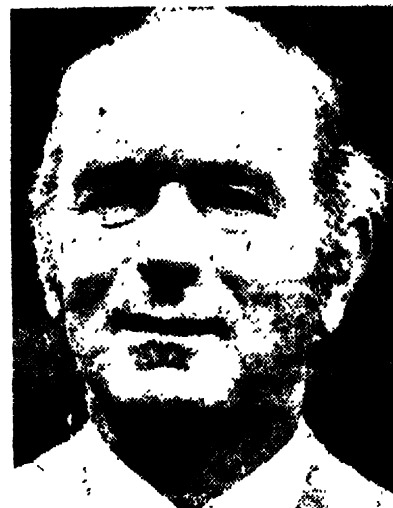
"The referee is there to referee," he says. "Not to make headlines, I intend to stay very much in the background—unless circumstances force me to do otherwise."

It would be tempting, but foolish to see that as a confession of weakness. Not from a man who started farming his own land at 19 and now, as a bachelor of 52, has 700 acres.

Nor from a man who, after eight years on Gibson's right hand at the world's most prestige tennis tournament, knows all the problems and most of the answers.

It is simply that Hoyles, a modest, kindly figure who compensates for his receding hair-line with Pickwickian sideburns, prefers the quiet word in the ear to the command; a reasoned discussion to a blunt definition.

One even suspects that he will attempt to soften the strict ap-



proach of Mrs. Bea Seal, elevated to assistant referee.

"There are times when an instant, tough-line decision is inevitable, of course," Hoyles said.

"But it is essential that we all work in harmony with the players wherever possible. We must not antagonise them for the sake of proving our authority.

"The pressures on them are intense enough—especially at places like Wimbledon—without us pushing them around."

Nor does he subscribe to the view that many British line judges are more suited to bowls or cribbage than the lightning speed of modern, big-money tennis.

—DAVID EMERY

Connors—a nice guy now

by ROY MCKELVIE

HAS the 1974 Wimbledon champion, Jim Connors, now 23, really grown up? Has he genuinely changed his image, as he claims? Or is he still the playboy, dangleling girls like Marjorie Wallace, the former Miss World, on his knee? His attitude cost him three big titles — Wimbledon, Forest Hills and Australia — last year.

The British public will have a good chance to judge for themselves this summer for ex-King Connors is going there soon to play at Chichester (possibly), Beckenham, Nottingham and Wimbledon.

His mother, Gloria, recently said: "Jimmy is his own man now. Whether what he says is right or wrong, it's time for him to talk for himself. To make his own decisions."

For years Connors has been coddled by his mother, who is also his coach and by a manager, Bill Riordan, who led him up all sorts of paths, including legal actions against tennis officials and organisations. His popularity rating with his fellow players sank to zero.

But now Connors and Riordan have parted and his mother is giving her talented son the reins.

When Connors won the US Indoor Professional title in January, beating Stan Smith, Rod Laver, Dick Stockton and Bjorn Borg, he announced he would try to change his image. But later he admitted: "It's very hard to change. When I started playing men's tennis I felt I had to prove myself. So I used to talk and do things. But I guess in the end nothing matters but my tennis."

He continued: "I wouldn't call it maturity but after a while you learn. I still get upset and mad. I have an attitude — a temper — but I'm controlling my emotions now. I'm not saying I'm completely changing but when I feel like screaming I just look down. I don't mess around any more."

Some claim that Connors has just got tired of everyone hating him. Certainly, he made little attempt to endear himself to the Albert Hall crowd who saw him lose to Eddie Dibbs in the Dewar Cup final last autumn and later play the fool with Nastase in the doubles final.

Last year was a disastrous one for Connors. He lost all his titles and the fans turned against him. After being beaten by the Spaniard, Manuel Orantes, in the US Championships final, he said ruefully: "I wonder whether I would have got the sort of support in Barcelona that Orantes got here, at Forest Hills?"

On another occasion he said, "Every time I go on court I feel I'm battling 200 guys. I don't need that kind of mental pressure any more."

The probable answer is that 1974 was all too easy for Connors and it went to his head. He became lazy and, last summer, even lost to a little-known South African, Bernie Mitton, at Chichester.

By last Christmas Connors was 25lb. overweight. "I was a little fatso," he says. "I'm 5ft 10in. and weigh 155lb., but I was up to 180. When my Mom saw me she said, 'My God, what's happened?'"

"Last year I did all the things I'd never done when I was growing up. I stayed out at night and lived it up. It wasn't until November that I realised what I was doing to myself."

Now Connors is out to prove he

is a nice guy — and that he is the best player in the world, which he certainly was in 1974. He has patched up his feuds with his playing colleagues and this year, for the first time, has represented the US in the Davis Cup and in the World Cup.

"I never really knew Jimmy until we played together against Australia in the World Cup," said Arthur Ashe, his conqueror in last year's Wimbledon final. "I've found he's a lot like me. He's independent and has a lot of pride. We're both loners and like to go our own way."

And Ashe added: "Jimmy is the biggest male attraction in tennis." The next six weeks should show up the truth of that statement and also whether Connors has disciplined himself enough to regain his Wimbledon throne.



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BRAZIL launched their "Six Million Dollar Man," 23-year-old Arthur Antunes Coimbra, better known as Zico, against England last week, appropriately in Los Angeles, near where the TV fantasies are created.

Zico was not built by blonic physicists, but is a product all the same of scientific know-how at the medical clinic of his club, Flamengo, and is moulded especially for the rigours of World Cup competition.

During recent away games in the Atlantic Cup in Uruguay and the Argentine, opponents called him "Brazil's greatest discovery since Pele," and Dr. Francisco Cotecchia, who helped to mould him says: "If he assists us to win the World Cup twice, he will be worth six million dollars."

Zico did not win his first cap until the Atlantic Cup and scored three goals in five games. Now he will be tested against Europeans, for whom he has developed the qualities of stamina and determination.

He was spotted by Flamengo

Brazil's new pearl

when scoring nine goals in a five-a-side indoor match against Santos.

Doctor Cotecchia says: "He came from a poor family on the outskirts of Rio and was weedy and under-nourished.

"We sent him to our clinic, putting him on special medicines, diet and a course of vitamins. We paid particular attention to building up the flesh around his muscles in order to make him quicker and shoot harder, and to the knees and spine, which are so important for footballers.

"We also concentrated on jumping from a standing position so as to improve his headwork. He was studying accountancy at the same time and showed great will-power

and self-discipline by never missing his two sessions a day with us."

When Zico joined Flamengo seven years ago, he weighed 5st. 11lb. and was 5ft. 3in. He is now over 6in. taller and weighs 10st. 3lb.

He says: "I used to get very tired when I played. I had headaches, couldn't eat and vomited. By taking care I acquired the well developed habits of an athlete and can play 90 minutes without loss of stamina."

Aymore Moreira, who managed Brazil's 1962 World Cup winning side and is now with Panathinaikos of Athens, claims: "The Europeans have overtaken us on all fronts. They have more spirit, are more technically alert, and better organised than the South Americans."

Zico is from the new breed of players who Brazil hope will regain the ascendancy they enjoyed between 1958 and 1970, when they won the World Cup three times. Since the last competition in West Germany they have emphasised physical fitness, stopped pampering players and sought to find a match-winning tactic.

They have a flexible 4-2-4 formation with wingers — and Zico may play like Pele, slightly behind the front three and moving sharply into a gap to use his lethal shooting.

Proof of the success of the tougher upbringing is the 2-1 victory in Montevideo, the first away win over Uruguay for 40 years. Brazil clung to the lead, despite having two men sent off with 20 minutes to go.

—BERNARD JOY

Another Pele?

ENGLAND went down fighting, losing 0-1. English manager Don Revie said after his first view of Zico, Brazil's newest soccer jewel: "What skill, what a right foot! He certainly is in the Pele class."

Beneath a burning sun, the Brazilians gave an exhibition as only they can, a magic lantern show of dexterity where the ball seems gravity-free.

Zico, a mere 5ft. 7 in., manipulated the ball with Rivelino — then startled Revie with his thunderclap shooting from outside the penalty area.

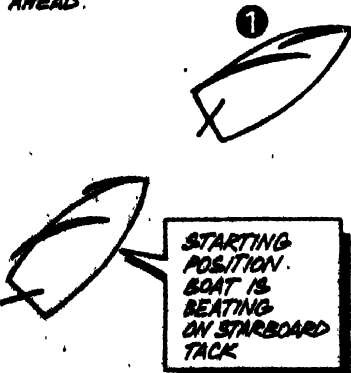
—DAVID MILLER

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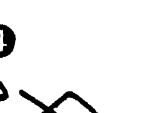
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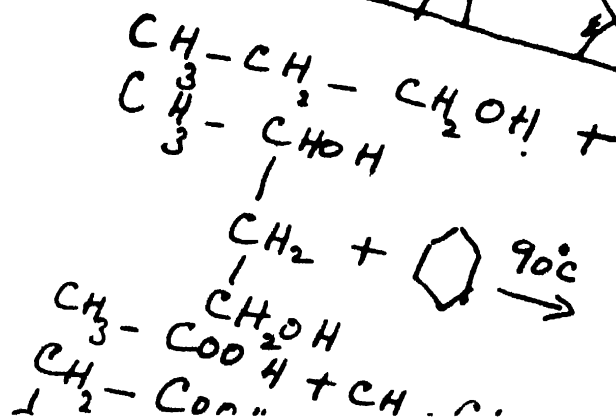
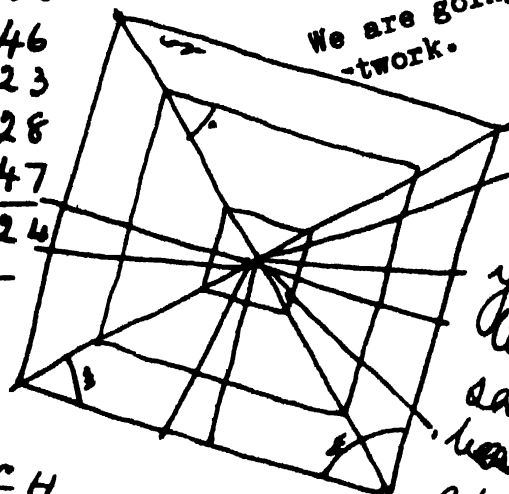
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Know Your Stars ...

I CAME to the basketball world due to my height — six and a half feet. Hari Dutt, the captain of our basketball team at the Bengal Engineering Group, Roorkee, was looking out for a tall athletic man who could be moulded into a match-winning centre. He spotted me and encouraged me to start playing basketball.

That was in 1966. Ours is one of the top teams in the country. This afforded me a good opportunity to have my initiation into the game in the company of some of the best players. All along, Hari Dutt instructed and inspired me. He taught me the finer points of the game.

Haryana is my native state. In a small village Ikas of the Jind district, my father is a farmer. I was born there in January, 1947... Yes, my height is hereditary. Both my parents are very tall.

I joined B.E.G. in September, 1965. In 1967, I earned my colours for Central Command. The following year, I made a somewhat inauspicious debut for Services at the Kottayam nationals. Services lost the national title to Railways for the first time after reigning supreme for 11 years. Fortunately for me, the well-known Services pivot Khushi Ram joined Sriram Rayons that year. I filled the breach and established myself as a pivot.

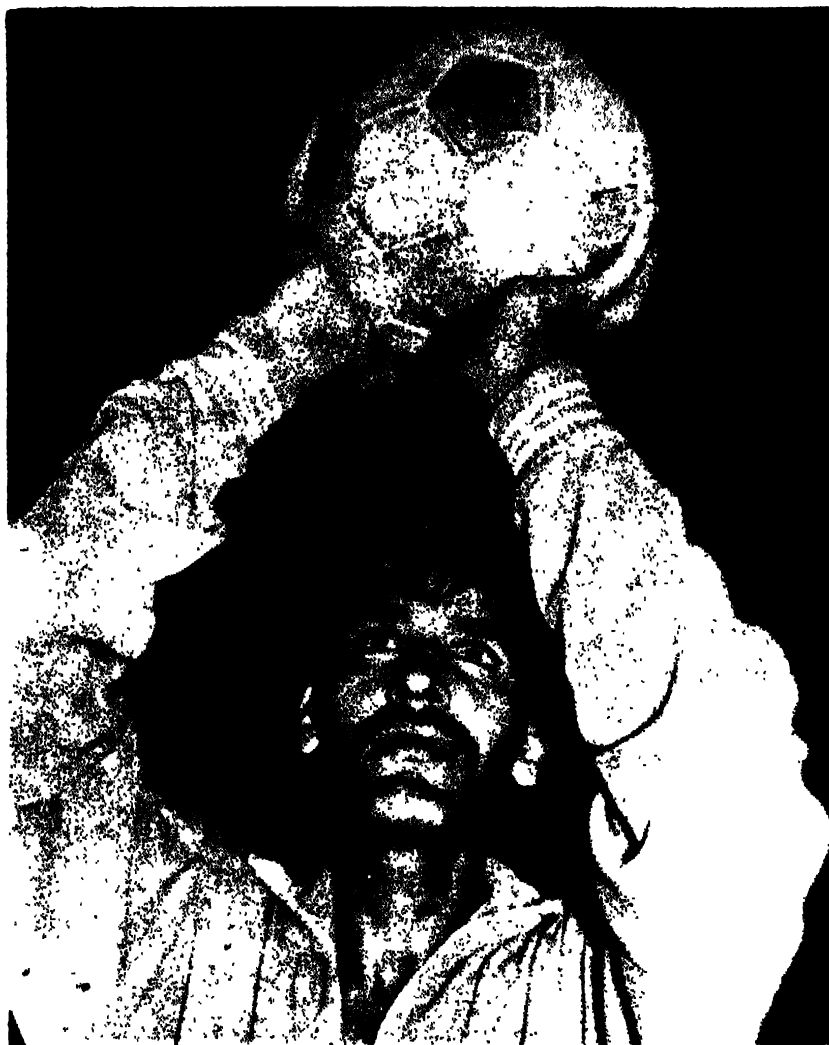
At the very next nationals at Calcutta in 1969, we regained the national title by defeating Rajasthan in the final. Since then, we (Services) have not lost a single match in any national championship. It was the seventh time in a row, when we won the national championship in the beginning of this year, at the Netaji indoor stadium of Calcutta.

In all these victories, I played a key role — particularly against our traditional rivals — Railways. It was mainly due to my height that I could do well against slightly shorter opponents.

Dame Fortune appeared to have reserved a special smile for me when I was given a special call to replace the injured Khushi Ram for the Asian Games at Bangkok in 1970. Naturally, I was overjoyed. It was a much-awaited opportunity for me to prove myself. But I must admit that I did not do well on that trip. I was played for short spells in each game.

I found favour again with the selectors in 1973 for the seventh

Om Prakash Dhull



ABC at Manila. We stood sixth in that championship, losing to Iran by 3 points for the fifth place. I gave my best performance recently at Bangkok during the eighth ABC. In most of the matches I top-scored for India and it was only against China that I did not do well. Probably it was not my day.

Yes, I can pick out my best match. We trounced holders Philippines at Bangkok recently. I think I played my best ever in that match. Others who did well were Hanuman and Vijayaragavan. At home, my best match was recently against a strong Railways team in the nationals final. I was truly in great shooting form. I contributed 40 points, bas-

keting from far and near and from every angle.

No, I am not scared of playing against taller players. If I get the ball at the correct position, I have confidence that I will get a basket or a foul. Of course, the Russians at Calcutta were a different proposition altogether. In spite of their tremendous height, they were very quick on their feet.

The Chinese were the most impressive team. They had the best allround game. But we are not lacking as far as talent is concerned. With better technical equipment and more training — especially for youngsters—we can definitely do much better in the future.

Text: JAVED AKHTAR
Pic: QASIM BAIG



A section of the packed stands on the final day . . . one of the heartening features of the final, in fact was the large crowd



The victory goal . . . Eastern's Ishtaque pushes past ASC goalkeeper Fredericks as defender Murtuza looks on helplessly. At extreme left is Eastern's Haider. The goal enabled Eastern to cause an upset 1-0 win over ASC and win the coveted trophy on their maiden appearance



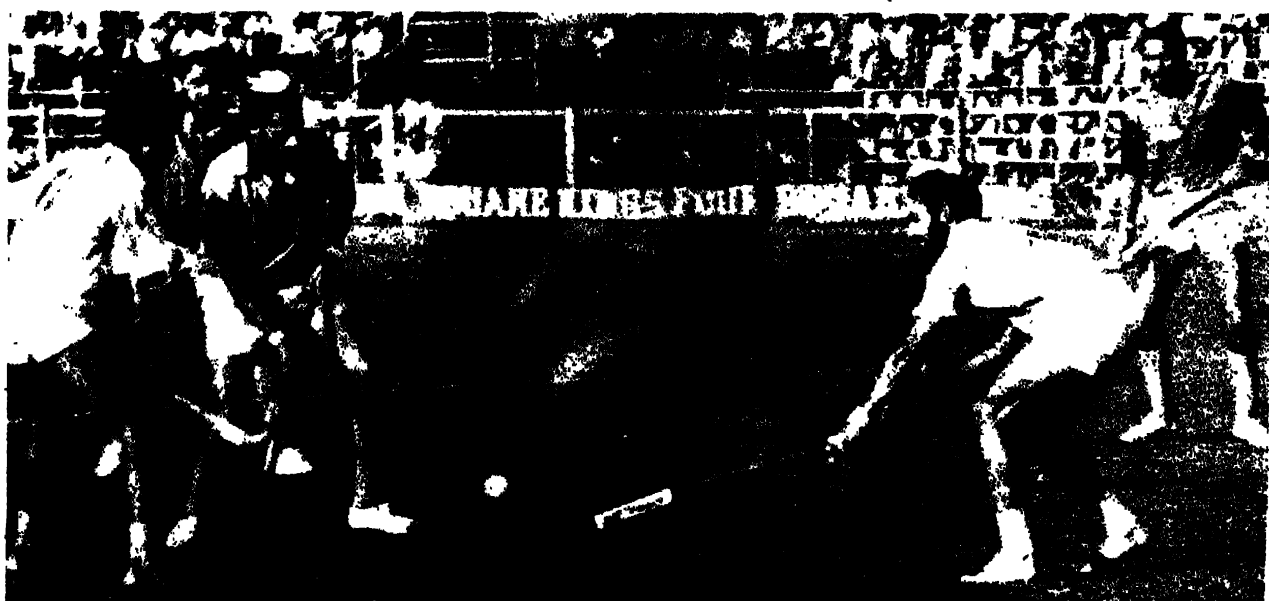
Left: A close call for Eastern in the . . . goalkeeper Sajwan kicks away Hanraj's deflection as defender Kumar watches anxiously. Above: A duel between Eastern's Pannu and Narinder Singh (Punjab Police) in the semi-final. Eastern drew the first leg and won 4-2 in the second. Right: In SPORTSWEEK's where the action is, two of the ball-hoys down the much-in-demand SW 2-1 line

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The victorious Eastern Railway team with Mr. and Mrs.
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A triumph of team-work

MADRAS.

INTEGRAL COACH FACTORY (Perambur) came off with flying colours in the Nellai Friends' Volleyball Club second all-India tournament at the Egmore Stadium court. They emerged unbeaten in a four-team final round-robin competition, overcoming a stiff challenge from Kerala Transport Company (Calicut) in the last and deciding match, which they won 8-15, 15-8, 15-11, 15-6.

Theirs was a triumph of team work. Every man played his part admirably. If one must single out a player for special praise, it was Anwar. His spiking was pretty striking. It was well placed and often lethal in effect.

Lathy Dinakaran too brought off several booming smashes. Besides, he has a very good service and proved himself to be an allrounder. Skipper Anbalagan showed himself to be a fine schemer. Spi-

rited Balasubramanian also played a shrewd game. Chitra Pandian gave a good show in the defence and also struck a good combination with Balasubramanian at the net.

KTC were overly dependent on Jimmy George, the popular India star who had figured prominently in all their earlier matches. But Jimmy had a throat infection and a bad cold and hence could not give of his best. Though he did win them many points with his fulminating smashes, Jimmy looked tired as the match wore on and, as a result, the whole team appeared to be in disarray, leaving big gaps in midcourt.

KTC won the first game rather comfortably, after trailing 5-2. Johnson, tall and with a beak-like nose, turned up trumps. A Kerala University player, he smashed with telling effect. Both Jimmy and Johnson kept the ICF defenders guessing as to who would smash. And more often it was Johnson and not Jimmy, who is famous for his high spring and deadly smash. Besides, Blessen George and George Mathew showed uncanny anticipation and agility to block several ICF smashes.

But then, as ICF settled down and organised their attack in a better way, KTC's game began to disintegrate slowly. Their defence, in particular, was found wanting now. Though KTC took a slender lead in the second and third games, they could not stop ICF from forging ahead. In the fourth game, ICF were so much in command that they took a 9-1 lead before breezing through to victory.

Army Supply Corps (Bangalore) claimed the third place in the competition, beating Tiruppur Textiles 15-13, 8-15, 15-1, 16-14. ASC had lost to ICF 7-15, 5-15, 8-15 and to KTC 15-5, 8-15, 11-15, 6-15 earlier, while Tiruppur Textiles had lost to ICF 11-15, 13-15, 5-15 and to KTC 14-16, 15-3, 10-15, 15-8, 16-18.

P. J. Paul impressed as a spiker for ASC. He was also good while serving. Gangadharan and Raju were the other players who did well for ASC, physically a very fit side. Raghupathy and left-handed Kannuswamy played their hearts out for Tiruppur Textiles, particularly in the match against KTC when Devarajan was not in his element. Textiles won many hearts with their plucky shows throughout the tournament.

The tournament was a great success and praise is due to P.



ICF skipper Anbalagan receives the A. M. S. Ganesh Trophy from Tiruppur Textiles managing director S. Sivasubramaniam



The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation team, winners of the A. N. Srinivasa Nadar Cup

John, secretary of the Nello Friends' Volleyball Club, and his band of young and enthusiastic workers. But one wondered why State Bank, who had won nine of the 11 tournaments they had taken part in Kerala this season, failed to enter a team in this the only all-India tournament in Tamil Nadu. Some of the bank players were in the stands during the tournament. It was highly regrettable that State Bank should have chosen to skip this tournament in which they had been runners up to Premier Tyres last year.

Kerala State Road Transport Corporation deservingly won the A. N. Srinivasaga Nadar Rolling Cup for women. In the final, they defeated Kerala Transport Company (Calicut) 15-11, 16-14, 15-7.

KSRTC were a well-known team. Unlike KTC, who had many guest players in their ranks, KSRTC had the advantage of players who work together, and train together. As such, there was fine understanding between them.

KTC, consisting mostly of students, appeared to have been out of practice. Even then, with the Subbiah sisters Sheila Shantha and Shashikala - all India players - assisting them, they were expected to claim the trophy, but try as they did, they could not even take a game off KSRTC.

KSRTC fielded five State players. Annie Paul was their star player. She was all vigour as she sprang up time and again to smash the ball all over the court. Skipper Anna Kutty gave a good allround show. Rachel George also excelled in smashing and Valsa Mathew served well. For KTC, Shantha Subbiah gave a good account of herself.

Integral Coach Factory also won the State level tournament. ICF finished with a cent per cent success record in the four team final round robin. Tiruppur Textiles finished second while Nello Friends and State Police were third and fourth respectively.

The final match of the league, between ICF and Tiruppur Textiles, provided a lot of thrills. Textiles gave ICF a fright as they won the first game, after leading 8-1. Raghupathi and Natarajan, with their sound blocking, put up a solid barrier and ICF's star spiker Dinakaran could hardly do anything noteworthy. Besides, Kanuswamy's lefthanded smashes were explosive in power and very acutely angled.

ICF, however, braced themselves up and put up a grim fight thereafter. With clever manoeuvring, they managed to overcome the block defence of Raghupathi and Natarajan. Anwar now produced

several thundering smashes. Dinakaran too soared up again and again to spike powerfully. He shone well in blocking also, along with Chitra Pandian. Balasubramanian and Anbalagan displayed their allround skill.

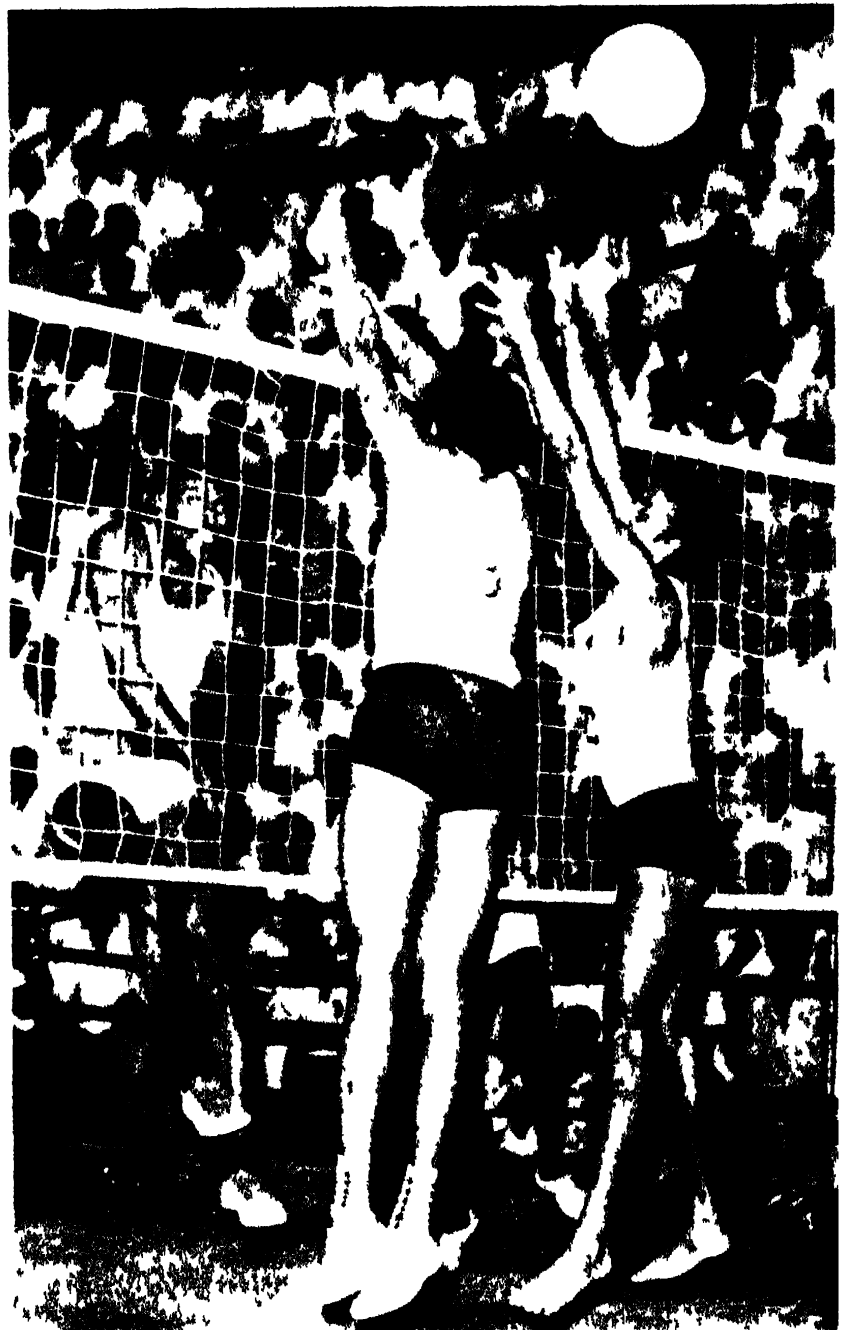
The two teams went neck and neck for a while in the second game, before ICF broke away to lead 11-5. Thereafter, they never looked back, and won the match 11-15, 15-12, 15-9, 15-9.

A fine show by Prabhakaran featured Nello Friends' 15-10, 15-11, 15-11 win over State Police. With Natesan and Vittal Raman giving good accounts of themselves, State Police gave Tiruppur Textiles seven

rather anxious moments. The Police won the first two games, but Textiles, the superior side, had to win and they won the match 14-16, 14-16, 15-12, 15-7, 15-8, thanks to the telling, away from the net smashes of Natarajan and Kanuswamy with Gajapathi and Vijaya Kumar boosting well.

Nello Friends, with Selvamani, Kam doing well, put up a spirited fight in the first game against ICF, but then they faded and lost 17-19, 9-15, 2-15. The host side, however, lost 6-15, 11-15, 13-15 against Textiles and Police lost 8-15, 5-15, 5-15 against ICF in the other two matches.

—SW Correspondent



ICF's Anbalagan smashes the ball past the groping hands of Mathew and Kunjal Kutty of KTC

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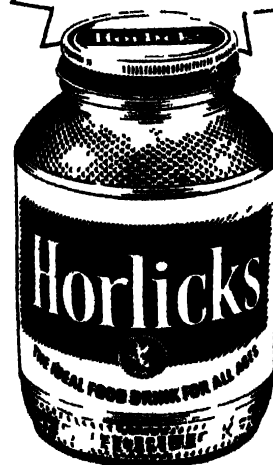
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THE capital these days is flooded with tournaments in various games, all of them with considerable political overtones. The four-day wrestling festival was one such meet.

Crowd-wise the meet was an outstanding success but the wrestling itself was not of a high standard, and could hardly compare with some of the early Bharat Kesri Dangals with Chandgi Ram in top form.

Guru Hanuman's 'chela,' Sat Pal has replaced Chandgi Ram in the crowds image and he justified their faith in him by claiming the title-bout beating another tough wrestler, Vijay Kumar, a former Bharat Kesri.

It was in truth a clash of Goliaths, Sat Pal the more powerful and better skilled in the arts of the sport having the last word in a keenly contested fight. In the end even Vijay Kumar openly acknowledged Sat Pal his superior and hugged him.

In the semi-finals Sat Pal came up against young Anand Roy of Karnataka. Anand, son of former Olympian K. P. Roy, however, has to learn to accept decisions against him. Though roundly thrashed, he made a bit of a scene and the matter had to be put to technical committee which upheld the referee's verdict against him.

One of the pleasing aspects of the meet was the performance of Olympic Sudesh Kumar in the 57 kg. Class. Now with the Police, Sudesh showed that he had lost none of the skill which enabled him to hit the high spots in the Commonwealth Games and Munich Olympics.

His opponent in the final was another international, Sham Rao Sable, also of Karnataka. The latter conceded the fight after eight minutes. In the semi-finals Sudesh had taken just 38 seconds to pin Jothi Gunda (Karnataka).

Former Bharat Kesri, Chandgi Ram did not fight but his expertise was easy to see in his young trainees. Among them were Rajinder Singh and Ram Kumar who won their weight categories and generally made a fine impression.

Certain aspects of the championships however need to be highlighted. Though Indian style wrestling as such does not have any time limit and there is no system of awarding points, the organisers of these meets should make sure that the referees should be briefed well before about the rules and regulations of their championships.

A number of the referees were obviously thrust into the centre without being told about the rules. This tended to create some confusion and unnecessarily gave the referees a bad name.

'King' Sat Pal



Sat Pal hoists Vijay Kumar into the air in their title bout



Satbir Singh (J & K) right, and Namdev Khurda (Maharashtra) close in for a hold



by JIMMY MEHTA

N
A J 2
A K 3 2
A 6 4
K Q 7

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J 7 5
K Q J 9 8 5
8 6 4

ONE would hardly have thought that these North/South cards were worth anything more than a game in No-trumps or diamonds with the former unquestionably superior, particularly in Match-Point Pairs.

Indeed even from an International Match Point angle "5 Diamonds" involves hazards from which "3 Notrumps" is immune.

However, not a few pairs at the recent Bandra Gymkhana Open Pairs eliminations bid a slam on the cards with varying results. Eighteen-year-old Jagdish Shivdasani, one of our promising new recruits, bid the hand to "6 NT" with all the gusto of his youth and received a heart lead away from the Queen, giving him an extra trick. In addition to this he found the club Ace favourably placed and he landed the slam

without breathing hard for an undeserved but nevertheless resounding top.

Though "3NT" is the correct game contract, from a slam angle a diamond contract offers better prospects.

Ambrish Parekh ended up in an optimistic diamond slam for which he really had to work even after the kindly lead of the club Ace followed by a shift to the ten of spades. The ten of spades shift suggested that the King and Queen of spades were in the East hand. If in addition to this East also held the Queen of hearts, a ruffing squeeze was available. After winning the second trick with the Ace of spades, Ambrish ran four trumps and cashed his club winners on the table, reducing the hand to this position:

J 2
A K 3

Immaterial

K Q
Q 10 8

J 7 5
8 5

Ambrish played his penultimate trump discarding a heart from the table, blanking his AK of H, and East was trapped. A spade discard establishes dummy's knave of spades with one ruff whereas a heart discard enables declarer to cash AK of hearts setting up the knave of hearts in his hand, with a spade ruff furnishing the re-entry to declarer's hand. Ambrish atoned for his over-optimistic bidding with immaculate card play and

though he earned an excellent match-point score, it was not the complete top which fell effortlessly into Jagdish Shivdasani's lap as a result of the heart lead.

"6 diamonds" is actually never makeable except on a helpful club lead, since declarer lacks entries to his hand to play clubs twice towards the table and run his trumps while still leaving dummy's spade holding unimpaired as is necessary for the ruffing squeeze to operate.

Last week's problem of "4 spades": It is obvious after the play to the first two tricks that your contract is not makeable by any natural lay of cards, for even if the Queen of spades obligingly drops doubleton, there is no entry to dummy to dispose your heart and club losers on dummy's diamonds. The only hope lies in deception. The hand was played by Mohanlal Saxena who analysed the situation in a trice. He cashed the Ace, King of diamonds, creating for East an illusion that the Queen of diamonds was with his partner.

Dummy was then entered via the Ace of spades and the Jack of diamonds drawn which East did not bother to ruff. He then re-entered dummy with the King of spades and played the dummy's fourth diamond, discarding a club. East ruffed, but was powerless to defeat the contract because the 2 of spades which had been carefully preserved by declarer, enabled him to re-enter dummy with the spades 4 in order to dispose of a heart loser. In case East had decided to cash his heart, the defence would have been restricted to two hearts and a spade.

Maharashtra all the way

FOR the Inter-State contest, the 18 team field was split up into two sections of 9 each, from which the first 3 in each qualified for the final play-off. In one of these sections the Defence Services team (the Army Team) stormed ahead and produced a performance reminiscent of theirs in the Kanpur Nationals when they scored cent per cent Victory Points in five matches of the Swiss League only to peter out and fail to qualify for the finals of the Ruia Gold Cup.

In Nainital, although they qualified with ease, topping their section with a brilliant score, they did not come into the reckoning during the final play-off.

In the other section, the Maharashtra team remained unbeaten

and qualified with an even greater degree of comfort.

The star-studded Bengal team which was the same as that which won the Ruia Gold Cup at Kanpur were never happily placed even during the qualifying rounds and qualified almost by default. They encountered a strong challenge from a bunch of up and coming youngsters which comprised the "Steel Plant" team. Another young team to show signs of promise was from Tamil Nadu where the youngsters seem to have edged out the old familiar players from that State.

In the final play-off it was Maharashtra all the way. They did not drop a match and their narrowest win was against Bengal which they won by 14 Victory Points to 6. Here is a hand from their encounter with the Army boys, where

Sharad Mhatre found the killing opening lead against a 5 spade contract:

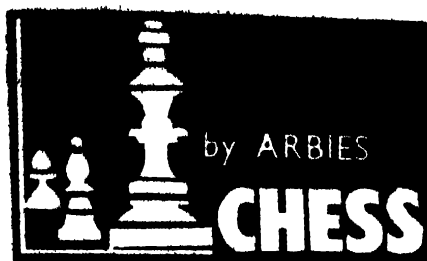
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Bidding had proceeded:

N	E	S	W
1C	P	1S	P
2D	P	2S	P
3H	P	3S	P
4NT*	P	5H	P
5S	P	P	P

* 5 Aces Blackwood.

Mhatre who had been thinking of his opening lead carefully during the auction had made up his mind about the opening lead whilst the bidding was in progress and as soon as it was over a low club lead hit the table at just under the speed of light. Pity the plight of the poor declarer Lalit Gupta who was confronted with this lay out:



KARPOV won an international tournament at Skopje (Yugoslavia) in a manner befitting a world champion, with 12½ points out of 15, without loss and 1½ points ahead of Uhlmann who was second with 11 points.

This game played in the tournament is noteworthy for the subtle accuracy of Karpov's execution of the attack when his opponent needed just one move to advance his menacing QRP.

FRENCH DEFENCE

White: Karpov

Black: Vaganyan

1. PK4, PK3 2. PQ4, PQ4 3. NQ2, PQB4 4. KPXP, KPXP 5. KNB3, PQR3 (a) 6. PxP, BxP 7. NN3, BN3 (b) 8. BQ3, NK2 9. 00, QNB3 10. RK1, BN5 11. PB3 (e), PR3 (d) 12. PKR3, BKR4 13. BK3, 00 14. BxB, QxB 15. QK2, KRQ1 16. QRQ1, PQR4 17. BN1, BxN (e) 18. QxB, PR5 19. NQ4, QxP 20. NxN, NxN 21. QB5, PKN3 22. QB6, RQ2 (f) 23. BB5! (g) RK2 24. RxR, NxR

25. BQ3!, NB4 (h) 26. BxN, PxB 27. RK1, QxRP 28. QxRP, PR6 29. QN5ch (i) KB1 30. QB6!, KN1 31. QxP, QO7 32. RK7 (j) RKB1 33. QN4ch, KR2 34. RK5, QR3 35. RR5, RQR1 36. QB5ch, KN2 37. RxQ, KxR 38. QB6ch, KR2 39. QxPch, KR1 40. QxNP, Black resigns.

(a) The line 5... NQB3 6. BN5, BQ3 7. 00, NK2 was employed by Korchnoy against Karpov in the Candidates final match in 7 games; all were drawn.

(b) M. C. O. quotes Keres-Botwinnik, Moscow, 1948: 7... BR2 8. BN5, NKB3 9. KNQ4, 00 10. BK2, QO3 11. 00, NK5 with equality

(c) White strengthens his Q4 so as to prevent Black from advancing his isolated QP.

(d) If 11... 00? 12. BxPch, KxB 13. NN5ch and 14. QxB.

(e) Black goes all out for Q-side action. 17... BN3 seems safer

(f) The sacrifice BxP was threatened.

(g) Very precise If 23. RK3, QR6 24. RN3, QO3 and the Black comes back for defence The Bishop cannot be taken in view of 23... PxP 24. RQ3, PB5 25. QxBP with a winning attack

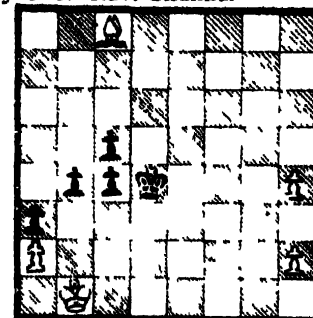
(h) Black must submit to this shattering of his K-side. On 25... NB3 the sacrifice 26. BxNP is effective; and on 25... KB1 26. RN1, QR6 27. RxP the threat 28. RxN and 29. QR8 mate is unmeetable

(i) Black has defended cleverly and his QRP is now a force to be reckoned with; e.g. on 29. RK3?, QN8ch 30. KR2, PB5 31. RK5, PR7! 32. RN5ch, QN3! White can only draw

(j) An important move compelling the Black Rook to leave QR-file and thus gaining a vital tempo. In the end Black just does not find time for... PR7.

END GAME

Last week's ending
by S N Ravi Shankar



White to play and win

1. Ph5, Ke5 2. Ph6, Kf6 3. Bf5! (not 3. Be6, Pb3 4. Bxc4, Pxa2ch 5. Kxa2, Kg6 draws) 3... Pb3 (if 3... Kf2 4. Be6ch and 5. Bxc4 or if 3... Pc3 4. Bd3 and WK will pick up the Q-side Pawns) 4. Bc2! (threatens 5. Bxb3 etc and a winning K and P ending). 4... Pxa2ch 5. Kxa2, Kf7 6. Bh7, Kf6 7. Ph4 wins

- Who was the first woman to win both the spring board and platform diving titles at an Olympic Games?
- In 1903 an Indian from Bombay won a world championship title. What was the sport?
- Who is recognised as one of the first teachers of the art of boxing?
- With which sports are the following terms associated? a) Cover point, b) upper-cut and c) bogey.
- During which period was the Bombay Pentangular Cricket Tournament held?
- What were the events in the



by HOSEY MISTRY

first All-England Badminton Championships?

- To which sport did these personalities belong? a) Gordon Richards, b) Stanley Mathews and c) Bill Tilden.
- What are the commands used by a boxing referee?

- What is the distance of the longest race recorded in athletic history?
- How often is the World Cup football tournament held?

ANSWERS

1. Victoria Draves (USA) in 1948 2. Rackets J Jamsetji beat Gilbert Browne 5-1. 3. James Figg, of Oxfordshire 4. a) Cricket, b) boxing and c) golf 5. From 1937 to 1944 6. Only the three doubles events 7. a) Horse racing, b) soccer and c) tennis 8. Stop, box and break 9. 3,610 miles from New York to Los Angeles (March 21 to June 16, 1929). 10. Every four years.

Bridge

from p 26

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A K J x x
K J x

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Lalit ducked the opening club lead, won on his right with Queen, followed by a club to Mhatre's Ace and a club ruff for a one trick set before he had a look in.

In the other room Ashok Ruia found himself in a "6 spades" con-

tract on the same lay-out after the opening lead of a low heart. Considering some of his alternative lines of play, Ashok decided correctly that his best shot was a simple heart finesse and wrapped up the slam in double quick time. The winning Maharashtra team consisted of O. Campos (captain), Ashok Ruia, Jimmy Mehta, Sharad Mhatre, Ratanlal Kejriwal and Ambrish Parekh. They finished with a record score of 89 per cent unbeaten throughout the tournament. The West Bengal team which finished runners-up consisted of Kamal Mukherjee (captain), Sukha Ghosh, Govind Sinha, R. Ghosh, S.

Ganguli and Bimal Roy.

The home team of Uttar Pradesh was close on Maharashtra's heels during the first three encounters, but succumbed ignominiously to Delhi and Defence Services to finish an unimpressive third. "Ustad" Kaul, the star player of the team, did not live up to anything like his Agarwala form and seemed to have been deserted by Dame Fortune, which had earlier lavished on him her bounties. Although Kaul is a brilliant player, he lacks consistency and yields at the duplicate table to his chancy rubber bridge habits.

Q HAVE the national selectors taken a vow that they will not give Bengal cricketers a fair chance?

—Vinu Nayar
(Calcutta 19)

A GIVE the poor selectors a chance. Meanwhile, let the Bengal cricketers take a vow that they will force their way into the team.

Q A nightwatchman is out before the close. Can he be replaced by another nightwatchman or is it necessary to send a recognised batsman? Can the batting order be changed for the second innings?

—Kawal Jit Singh
(Patiala)

A The discretion of who should be sent in to bat rests solely with the skipper of a side. He can change the batting order anytime he likes.

Q I am deeply interested in cricket but can't play the game well. What should I do?

—Changoo Lal Gupta
(Calcutta)

A "THERE is no substitute for hard work." Study good cricketers — not just their mannerisms — and keep analysing your faults.

QUESTION BOX

Q WHAT are the Test career figures of Clyde Walcott?

—Narendra Kumar Verma
(Renti)

A IN 44 Tests, Walcott scored 3,798 runs and hit up 15 centuries.

Q WHAT is the difference between the old and new lbw rules?

—T T Prasad
(Siddipet, A P)

A A whole volume will be needed to explain the changes and even then one cannot grasp them completely.

Q CAN a hockey player be pulled up for "sticks" when he has bent low to hit a ball?

—Stanley Thomas
(Trivandrum)

A YFS. Whatever his position, a player can never raise his stick above his shoulder.

Q IS it John Murray, of England, or Deryck Murray, of the West Indies, who shares the world record of six victims in a Test innings by a wicketkeeper?

—Kumar
(Drug).

A JOHN MURRAY, of England. He performed the feat against India at Lord's in 1967.

Q DON BRADMAN, Dhyan Chand and Pele are the kings of cricket, hockey and football. What do you say?

—Jai Bhagwan Gupta
(Dehu Road, Pune).

A CERTAINLY they are among the brightest stars to have adorned their respective fields of sport.

Q IS a double century counted as a single or two separate centuries? What about a treble century?

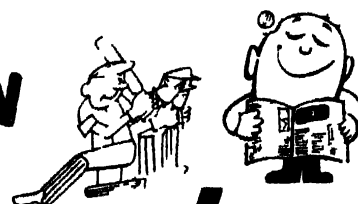
—Mushtaq A. Shah
(Nishat, Kashmir)

A DOUBLE and treble centuries are just what they are called. They are not calculated as two or three separate hundreds.

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Tips to young cricketers—22

TRY now to use the nets merely to get some exercise. If you are scoring well in matches, try to extend your repertoire in the nets, try to teach yourself the late cut, the leg-glance and other advanced shots. Above all, don't waste your net time.

Two methods of practice used extensively by many topline batsmen when organised facilities are not available are — (1) playing strokes in front of a mirror over and over again; and (2) using a ball attached by a string to a clothes line to play the shots. Both these methods, extremely useful during the off-season, enable the motions of the strokes to become so automatic that they are naturally absorbed into one's play.

Turning to bowling, the primary consideration at practice should be to bowl for long periods to build up stamina and condition, and to concentrate on improving length and variety. Richie Benaud bowled for long periods at a handkerchief spread on the pitch at a

Practice for bowlers

good length to improve his accuracy and stamina.

The bowler should also develop a technique of bowling to different types of players according to their style—generally batsmen fall into well-defined categories such as back or front foot players or on or off-side players, and by bowling to as many as possible in the nets, the bowler learns how to bowl to each.

Bowlers should always remember that batsmen generally get themselves out through a faulty shot and therefore control of length and variety, brought about by constant practice, will help force batsmen into this error and produce wickets.

Further it is imperative that fielding be practised with as much enthusiasm and as often as batting or bowling. This is the most neg-

lected phase of practice and yet can be the most vital for the team effort.

Ensure that adequate attention is devoted to catching, both long and short, ground fielding and throwing, to make yourself an asset not a liability to the team.

Practise hard and often no matter what the conditions are like, for practice leads to the acquisition of greater skill and greater skill leads to more enjoyment and personal satisfaction out of the game. Treat it seriously and the rewards will prove to be greater than the effort. It is not accidental that the most diligent players at practice generally—freaks excepted—are the most successful in matches.

Ian Craig in Cricket,
the Australian Way
(to be continued)

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THE name Lindrum is synonymous with billiards, and rightly so, for the famous Lindrum family of Australia have made the name illustrious in the sporting world.

In 1929 the greatest of all the Lindrums stepped ashore in Britain for the first time — Walter Lindrum, then aged 30. Trained by his father, Fred Lindrum, Walter scored his first 500 break when he was 14 and a year later beat his brother, Fred, then the reigning Australian champion.

Little was known about Walter Lindrum, however, when he arrived in Britain for that first tour. But within a few weeks he was challenging — and beating — the best British cue-men, and his name rang round the world when he compiled a break of 3,262 in 123 minutes, a new record.

From then on the career of this amazing player from Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, became a long succession of records.

In 1930 he increased his world break record to 3,905, scored in

just over three hours and achieved another record when he scored four 1,000 breaks in successive visits to the table. It was incredible billiards.

It was on January 19 and 20, 1932, however, that he performed one of the most brilliant feats ever seen in Britain.

Walter Lindrum was playing that other master of the cue, Joe Davis. The Australian went to the table for the last half-hour of the afternoon session of January 19 and scored 701. He continued his break in the evening and it was still unfinished when the day's play ended.

During the evening session of 105 minutes, Lindrum had added another 2,450 to the break.

Walter Lindrum, like Joe Davis, was a master of the "nursery" cannon and scored most of his points from this difficult stroke.

Cueists marathon

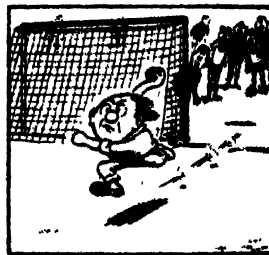
It was called a "nursery" cannon because the player attempted to keep the three balls together as close as possible against the cushion and "nurse" them round the table with delicately timed strokes.

So with his unfinished break standing at 3,151, Walter Lindrum resumed for the afternoon session of January 20. He was at the table for another 40 minutes, during which time he added a further 986, before he broke down.

It was a new world record — 4,137 in 175 minutes. Joe Davis, who was forced to sit through this sensational marathon, described it as "sheer overwhelming billiards genius."

But Joe proved that the long wait by the side of the table had not dimmed his own skill by himself scoring a break of 1,247 during the remainder of that afternoon session and part of the evening's play.

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THE National Productivity Council will organise a two-day National Seminar on Productivity in Marketing of Sports Goods Abroad on June 15-16 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Union Minister of State for Industry, A. P. Sharma, will inaugurate the programme. The seminar is being organised by NPC in collaboration with the Central Leather Research Institute; the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, Government of India, the Indian Standards Institution; the Trade Development Authority, and the Sports Goods Export Promotion Council.

With a view to identifying the problems of sports goods industry, recently NPC had conducted a survey of some of the manufacturing units, and followed it with field visits. This has brought to light certain weaknesses in the existing systems of production and marketing.

MADHAVLAL and Co have presented a trophy to the Bombay Women's Cricket Association for a tournament for women to be run in memory of the late Shantagauri Madhavilal. The firm have agreed to bear the cost of this tournament for three years from 1976-77.

RUMANIA'S Ilie Nastase humbled Arthur Ashe and won himself about £85,000 and the latest

From here and there

version of the World Tennis Championship Cup in Honolulu recently.

But Nastase lived up to his bad reputation by snarling "Nigger" at Ashe and less racial epithets at the officials though in the end he got the lion's share of the £150,000 purse for the WCT Cup, played over the past three months in Hawaii.

BILL RIORDAN, former manager and agent of Jimmy Connors, is suing the tennis star for 15 per cent of all money Connors received for commercial endorsement contracts since March, 1972. Connors announced last November that Riordan was no longer his manager.

INDIA are among 15 Asian countries invited to participate in the "Mr Asia 1976" contest to be held in Lahore on October 23.

According to a report from Lahore, the Montreal-based International Federation of Body-Builders has allowed the Pakistan Amateur Body-Builders Association to stage the contest.

Apart from India other coun-

tries invited include Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Each country will send four competitors and two officials.

THE International Amateur Boxing Association has nominated K. P. Kuka, of Tata Sports Club as a technical delegate to supervise the bouts at the Montreal Games.

Kuka who is India's only international referee/judge, has now the distinction of being the only Asian and probably the only International referee/judge in the world to be nominated for as many as five Olympic Games, four of them consecutive.

DELHI's international football referee Ikram-ul-Haq has been invited to supervise the final round matches of the Asian Cup matches from June 1 to 13 in Tehran, Iran. He has been selected by the Asian Football Confederation.

Ikram-ul-Haq, who is the holder of the FIFA badge, has supervised many international tournaments including the Merdeka and the pre-Olympics.

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China's Wang Tang recently set up a new record for the discus with a throw of 52.22 metres at the Philippine National Open Meet.

OLYMPIC ATHLETES...3

Alan Pascoe



ALAN PASCOE set himself a target when he failed to reach the final of the 110 metres hurdles at the Munich Olympics in 1972. Pascoe, bitterly disappointed, immediately launched a four year plan for Montreal. It includes a medal — and retirement.

A physical education lecturer at Borough Road College, Isleworth in West London, Pascoe has switched to the 400 metres hurdles and has dominated the event in the same way as his predecessor, Britain's David Hemery, the Mexico gold medalist, did.

Pascoe is still striving to improve his technique. He had the courage to alter his stride pattern when he beat Uganda's Olympic champion and world record holder John Akii-Bua in 1975. Pascoe stormed from behind to record a hat-trick of victories over the Ugandan athlete.

He married fellow British international Della James in 1970 after a courtship that had blossomed at athletics meetings all over the world. He announced then that he would not race after the Montreal Olympics, clearly wanting a more settled domestic life.



When the 400 metres finalists line up in their blocks for the start of the Olympic final, one athlete will be trembling violently — Alan Pascoe. Pascoe can only run his best after spending four hours before a race working himself into a state of mind normally associated with a hospital patient awaiting an operation. But the Pascoe pallor means that he is racing fit for victory.

It is a miracle that Pascoe has emerged as an athlete of world beating proportions. The son of a Royal Navy chief petty officer, Pascoe has suffered from asthma since a child. But he was blessed with one physical advantage which has helped his hurdling — supple hip joints.

Alan Pascoe emerged in the summer of 1975 as the star of every international meeting in which he represented Britain. He twice broke the UK all-comers record for the 400 metres hurdles, and in Stockholm ran 48.6 — the second fastest Briton behind David Hemery and the fastest in the world in 1975.

Pascoe fears complacency in his build-up to Montreal and is unhappy that he will go to Canada with the awesome task of living up to the title of "favourite" for the 400 metres. "The trouble is," he says, "that the press are already hanging the Olympic gold medal around my neck."



The 27-year-old physical education lecturer is jogging around the streets of Isleworth while most families are sitting down to enjoy their evening meal. He dons his track suit and trains three hours every evening.

He became the idol of the thousands of athletics followers who packed into the Crystal Palace sports centre for international meetings during 1975. Fans even climbed oak trees overlooking the ground to catch a glimpse of their hero.

Pascoe has come a long way since he failed to get into the house team for his school sports. Now Commonwealth and European 400 metres hurdles champion, Pascoe once likened himself standing next to the equally slim David Hemery as the before-and-after of a Charles Atlas advertisement.

He does as much for athletics off the field as he does when he is bursting from his starting blocks. Apart from being the athletes' delegate on the British Amateur Athletic Board, he is a member of the Sports Council and the BBC Advisory Council.



A ham-string injury forced him to miss several international athletics meetings in 1975 — and the BBC snapped him up to help their commentary team. His expert judgement on the track events provided valuable support for David Coleman, Ron Pickering and Stuart Storey.

The Professional Sports Photographers' Association voted him the most cooperative sports personality in Britain in 1975. Pascoe sets an excellent example of sportsmanship for the thousands of school children who follow the sport. He is always the first to shake hands after a race — win or lose.

Alan helps to promote athletics meetings in Britain in co-operation with other athletes. He attends social gatherings to attract publicity but is never to be found with an alcoholic drink. Instead he prefers orange squash.

Pascoe's tireless approach to athletics has inevitably taken its toll. He has jumped so many hurdles in training and races that his big toe on his landing foot is substantially bigger than the other.

SEVERAL complaints have been made in newspapers recently by our cricket correspondents that they are not happy with the way in which they are treated by managers of touring cricket teams. So, in the best interest of Indian cricket and cricket-writers, I suggest the following courtesies be observed towards our correspondents in future:

Every time a captain refuses an opposing batsman a runner, he must immediately go to the press-box and explain to the Indian correspondents present why he refused the runner.

If the correspondents, or at least the senior correspondents, do not approve of the reasons given by the captain, then the captain should instantly recall the opposing batsman and give him a runner.

The captain should take all important decisions before lunch-time in order that the correspondents can catch the deadlines of their Indian papers.

The cricket board should see to it that in future twin-tours, when a long and tedious journey between New Zealand and the West Indies is involved, all the cor-

BUZZING AROUND

by BUSYBEE

respondents are taken by the shortest and most comfortable route on a special chartered plane. The team may travel in the usual manner.

Since correspondents can make or break a tour, the manager and the treasurer of the team should pay special attention to their comforts, including providing them with the best of accommodation, food and entertainment. The extra expenditure this would involve, could be balanced by cutting down on some of the expenses on the members of the team.

On days when it rains and no game is possible, the manager should help the correspondents pass their time by playing

snakes-and-ladders, ludo, etc. with them.

Before every important match, and certainly before every Test, senior correspondents should be consulted on the condition of the pitch and whether two spinners and three pacemen or vice versa should be included in the team and, if the captain wins the toss, whether the team should bat first or field.

This consultation will be of great assistance to the team since the correspondents invariably seem to know what exactly should have been done after the first day's play.

In future, no person should be selected as manager of the team unless approved by a panel of correspondents who are likely to be on the tour.

Or, better still, one of the correspondents could be appointed to double as manager of the team.

When the team wins a Test, champagne should be served first to the Indian cricket correspondents. After that, if there is any leftover, it may be served to the members of the victorious team.

DUNN GOES DOWN

by SYDNEY HULLS

MUNICH:

RICHARD DUNN wept as the cheers roared round the Olympiahalle here for his gallantry under murderous fire in the five rounds he lasted against world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali.

Wept for this nightmare end to his dream, a dream that foretold he would be the new world champion in the eighth round of this contest.

Wept for the lack of ability to match the courage and determination needed to make that dream come true.

Then the burly Bradford scaffolder stopped "being a big softie" and vowed to those thousands of new fans: "I'll come again, I'm strong enough. I'm young enough. And I hope I showed I've got determination enough."

Dunn showed all those talents plus as much bravery as one would expect from a Territorial Army member of a British airborne division.

Ali, making his 16th defence of the world title, smashed Dunn down three times in the fourth round and twice in the fifth.

The Yorkshire redhead was still dizzily trying to plough his way back into the one-sided battle when referee Herbert Tomser, of Hamburg, called a halt after two minutes and five seconds of the round.

Ali, £900,000 richer, awarded

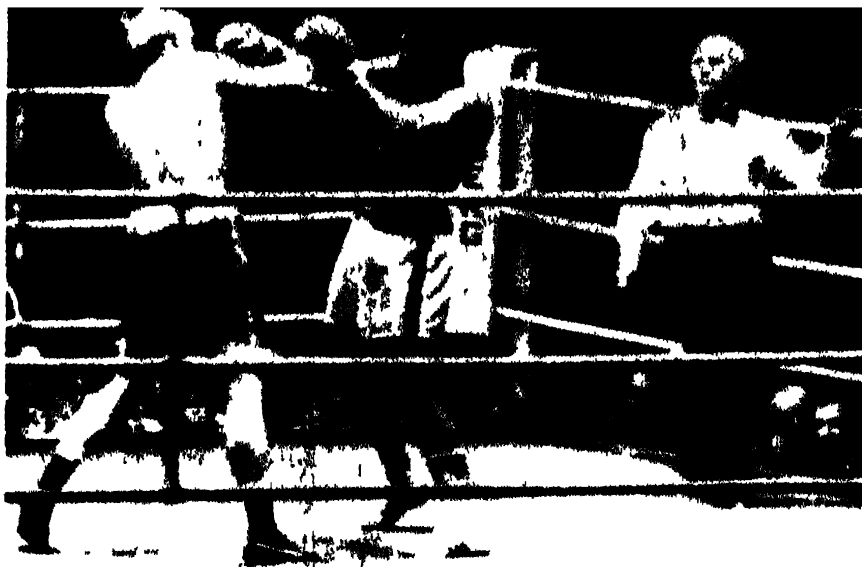
It's a joke, of course

THE world heavyweight championship? It's a joke, of course!

Muhammad Ali is a Colossus a classic, supreme champion Richard Dunn is by comparison, a pigmy, an honest but workaday journeyman.

If big business wasn't drumming up a few more million dollars through closed circuit TV, if world heavyweight championships were what they should be (between the two best men about) then the British heavyweight champion would have stayed home in Bradford.

And Ali would be taking on



Dunn (left) and Ali exchange blows during their title bout at Munich

14st 10½lb. Dunn this accolade "Dunn shook me twice I'm glad I trained real hard. Because if I had fought as I did against my last opponent, Jimmy Young, then Richard Dunn would be champion now.

"He was much better than Joe Bugner This is a man who realised that when you've got nothing to lose and everything to gain, a man must fight to win the world title.

"I could see he was fighting for his wife, his children, his life He is a top-notch contender."

When Dunn, bloody-nosed but still unbowed, heard this tribute, he commented wryly

"I thank him very much I've been called that many bad names by the English press, it's a change when a Yank says something nice about you."

But as the bell sounded, Dunn was on him, jabbing away with his

southpaw right and crossing the left.

Startled, Ali posed, paused, and started range-finding with his right. The champion just about edged away with the round.

Round Two began with the Yorkshireman halfway across the ring before the bell sounded.

Dunn swapped punches as if he were convinced he would be the winner. But late in the round there came the punches and the moves that have kept Ali champion for so long.

A right to the face made Dunn's legs tremble, and as he hung on Ali tried to finish him off. Dunn recovered well and was the pace maker again in Round Three. Ali danced and shuffled until Dunn hit him with a great right left combination.

The fourth was the beginning of the end. A right cross to the jaw halted Dunn with shuddering force. It was almost as if he had run into a brick wall. He went down.

Another right cross had Dunn down for a second time. A straight right and Dunn was down again.

But still Dunn came out fighting for the fifth. He carried on with his stop-at-nothing rampage. Then a two-fisted burst stopped him in his tracks, and another right sent him down on the seat of his pants.

Ali knew the end was near. He acted, winding up his right arm as a baseball pitcher does, and when referee Tomser permitted Dunn to come forward once more, Ali let loose the bolo and the brave Briton went down for the fifth and last time.

Gamely he struggled to his feet protesting he wanted to fight on. Referee Tomser wisely decided no.

George Foreman to see who the top man really is.

That Ali has been, possibly still is, "The Greatest," is beyond argument. That he treats with contempt his bum of the month is also beyond argument.

Having rescued boxing from its death throes, he now debases it. The golden dollar rules O.K.

It would be unfair to criticise Dunn. He was dragged from the shadows to try to keep British boxing alive because Joe Bugner suddenly vanished into them.

He did his best. But unless lightning struck Ali down, Dunn had no chance.

Politics-ridden squash

DESPITE a record entry from eleven nations, the fifth World Amateur Squash Championship was a scene of political controversies eventually leading to a boycott by Egyptian, Kuwaiti, Pakistani and Indian players — the reason being the participation of "Southern African" players.

The team event, held in Birmingham and the Midlands, went off smoothly. Except for the sudden departure of the Nigerian team — apparently caused by troubles at home — there were no other incidents. The teams were divided into two groups with Great Britain, Pakistan, Kuwait, Canada, Mexico and New Zealand in Group A and Australia, Sweden, Egypt, USA, Nigeria and India in Group B. The event was played on a round-robin basis with the two top teams in each group qualifying for the semis.

Great Britain provided the first sensation by convincingly beating Pakistan 3-0. They went through their group unbeaten and qualified along with Pakistan. In the other group, the Australians had a bit of a scare from both Egypt and New Zealand, winning both ties by two matches to one.

In the semis, Pakistan surprised the powerful Australian team, winning all three matches. The most significant result was the defeat of Kevin Shawcross, the favourite for the individual title, by Mohammed Saleem. The left-handed Pakistani left his opponent standing on several occasions with a superb display of power, precision and skill. The Pakistanis, however, lost to Great Britain and eventually Great Britain needed to win only one match against Australia to win the title, which they duly did.

The performance of the Indian team was fairly satisfactory. We finished seventh, beating Kuwait, Canada and the USA. Three of our players were on the international scene for the first time — Nick Senapati, Capt. Manchanda and Soli Colah — while the captain, Fali Madon, was on his third trip abroad. On balance it must be said that we were beaten more by the superior fitness of our opponents than by stroke-play.

India's participation in this tournament had only been approved after receipt of a cable from the organisers, stating: "South African team not participating in championships." On arrival it was learnt that the South Africans were playing in the warm-up event at Stockton and also in the World Cham-



Dave Scott of South Africa . . . made the final in the wake of withdrawals

pionships. As such we withdrew at Stockton. The organisers however were appreciative of the reasons behind our "boycott" and arranged friendly matches to enable us to get acclimatised. After the warm-up event it was learnt that the South Africans were not playing in the team event.

Having won the team event, British hopes of winning the individual title were very high. Philip Ayton and Stuart Courtney were seeded No 2 and 4 with the burly Australian Kevin Shawcross occupying the No 1 spot and Dave Scott (South Africa) being the other seed. The individual event was played at the Wembley Squash Centre — a superbly maintained complex with a glass back centre court which has a capacity for over 250 spectators.

The teams arrived in London on Friday, 12th May and it wasn't long before politics became the key point of discussion. It was fairly obvious that with the inclusion of the South African players in the draw, there was going to be trouble. At the end of the day, the decision arrived at by the Pakistani, Kuwaiti, Egyptian and Indian players — obviously following orders from their High Commissions — was that they would not play if they came up against a South African player in any round of the tournament.

Two of our stalwarts, Fali Madon and Nikhil Senapati, had to drop out as a result of having been drawn against Greg Stainer and Ian Holding (No. 7 seed) in the first round. Stainer, in fact, went through to the third round without playing a match as his second

opponent, Atlas Khan (Pak) also withdrew for similar reasons. Nasser Abdullah and G. Awad (Egypt) and Maqsood Ahmed (Pak) were others who didn't play the South Africans.

It was a pity that a tournament of such high prestige should have been ruined by politics. After Birmingham, a lot was said about the chances of G. Awad. In fact, he was expected to go very close to winning the title but that was not to be.

The Indian challenge in the individual event didn't last beyond the first round. Apart from the four who played in the team event, Ali Ispahani and this writer also participated. Capt. Manchanda was beaten by Briggs (USA), while Soli Colah went out to John Leslie (GB) after coming very close to winning the second game. The power of Len Keppel (Australia) proved too much for Ali Ispahani who was troubled by a pulled hamstring. The Swede, Lars Kvant, who had created a minor sensation in the last British Open, came out a convincing winner against yours truly in the opening match of the tournament on the centre court. Fali Madon and Nick Senapati had, as mentioned, been political casualties.

In the quarters, the 21-year-old South African university student, Ian Holding, convincingly beat Philip Ayton, 9-1, 9-3, 5-9, 9-6. Holding's superior fitness and his tremendous retrieving power proved to be too much for the bespectacled Ayton. In the other quarter the No. 1 seed, Kevin Shawcross, easily disposed of Barbour (New Zealand), while his fellow countryman, the grey-haired Mike Donnelly came through after a slow start to defeat Brownlee (New Zealand). Dave Scott (South Africa) who had reached the last eight, courtesy of Maqsood Ahmed (Pak), went through to the semis beating Len Keppel (Australia). Scott's control and cool headedness won him the match which was quite evenly balanced though the score of 9-4, 9-7, 9-4 might not suggest it.

Shawcross cruised through his semi with Donnelly, winning in straight games. In the other semi, Scott came from behind to win against Ian Holding.

Not surprisingly, Shawcross was a strong favourite for the individual title. Many expected the final to be a tame affair but Dave Scott had other ideas. In the end, Shawcross did win, but only just having to come back from a 2-5 deficit in the third game to win that and lead by two games to one.

—RAJU CHAINANI

MONDAL THRILLS



Anil Mondal . . . bound for Montreal

TWENTY-six-year-old Anil Mondal (Railways) stole a march over his more fancied teammate S. Vellaisamy, when he thrilled the audience at the Selection Trial for Montreal Olympic Games, held in Bombay recently, by hitting the bull's eye — successfully completing a total of 212.5 kg. in the fly-weight class.

In the process the six-time-national champion and India's representative for the Munich Olympics, improved his own national

records for the jerk by lifting 122.5 kg. (previous best 117.5 kg.) and for the total 212.5 kg. (previous best 200 kg.).

Mondal started with a first attempt snatch of 90 kg. which equalled D. Lodchoudhury's record for that lift. Later twice he got 95 kg. pulled over to arms length position over his head, but narrowly missed balancing the weight. He was in irresistible form in the jerk, and after succeeding with 115 kg. for his first try, he got a severe pain in his shoulder. But grinding his teeth he came for his second attempt of 120 kg., which he performed in better style. At that stage Mondal was only 2.5 kg. behind the target for Montreal.

Pain

Many thought that he might not take his third attempt due to the excruciating pain in his shoulder, which was now obvious from his face. Unmindful of it, and with grim determination to complete the minimum for Montreal, Anil took a well-calculated third attempt with a 2.5 kg. jump. And, despite the anguish he suffered, this was the best lift of the trial.

After Mondal's miserably poor performance last year, when he was dethroned by an unknown lifter of Tamil Nadu — Bala Murugan — many felt that he was on the downward trend. But at Ernakulam he made amends by regaining the title. The three-week camp at Bombay called for training all National champions before their departure for Russia for the Indo-USSR goodwill trip this month has done immense good to Mondal and he is back not only at his best, but with even better capability.

Five times national champion S. Vellaisamy, who at the Ernakulam Nationals came nearest to the qualifying mark for Montreal, also did extremely well in the bantam weight recording the same improvement of 15 kg. in total as Mondal, which included two new national marks of 130 kg. jerk and a 230 kg. total. However, he still fell short of the minimum by 2.5 kg.

The only other performer, of the nine participants at the selection trial who gave a good account of himself was the burly Dalbir Singh (Railways) in the heavyweight repeating his Ernakulam total of 287.5 kg., which included a new record snatch of 127.5 kg.

—T. V. HARIHAR

BURLY Ranjit Weerasena, discuss 'king' of Sri Lanka, leads the island's track and field team, for the two-day meet against India at Chandigarh this week.

Weerasena, a Japanese floral decor specialist, also doubles as an amateur photographer and has some superb 'shots' to his credit. His first love of course is athletics where he has reigned supreme in the discus throw between 1960 and 1971 — an unprecedented feat in the island's athletics.

He has been placed in charge of a 37-member team which includes several top-class athletes. Among the faces familiar to the Indians are Sunil Gunewardene and W. Wimaladasa, the sprinters, and K. G. Badra the sprint queen.

At last year's meet at Colombo the Lanka team scored a narrow victory in the medals tally over the Indians.

The members are:

Men: Ranjit Weerasena (captain), W. Wimaladasa, Sunil Gunewardene, K. P. Sahabandhu, A. Premchandra, W. P. Bogabalanda, H. W. Nimalisiri, W. P. Perera, M. T. S. Perera, W. W. Fernando, T. M. Nandasena, R. Rajendran, M.

Lanka bid for honours

G. Munaweera, H. G. Gunadasa, L. D. G. Andrew, S. Dalpathado, Ranjit Perera, K. J. S. Perera, A. F. J. Fernando, Lalith Uduwerella, S. W. Silva, Nihal Perera, W. S. Tisaena, P. G. Somawawardene and U. E. Fernando.

Women: K. G. Badra, Princy Bartholob, Dinali De Silva, Suranganie De Silva, Rohini Chandrasekhara, T. K. Padma, Rohini Mallika, Satchithananda, U. Samaratunga, Shiela Hoffman, Dhammika Nobert, Deepani Gunaratne, K. G. Sriyani.



The Sri Lanka track and field side to meet India at Chandigarh

MAIL BAG

No weight, more power

T. V. HARIHAR from Bombay writes (Mail Bag, May 16) to say that officials of the Indian Powerlifting Federation are dissipating their energy by not joining the Indian Weightlifting Federation. What a shame that Harihar is ignorant of the following facts:

1. Powerlifting and weightlifting are different sports as are say, wrestling and judo or volleyball and basketball

2. Both the International Powerlifting and Weightlifting Federations are separate and both are members of the General Assembly of International Sports Federation.

3. The International Powerlifting Federation is also now an applicant to the International Olympic Committee for inclusion in the Olympic Games.

4. The Indian Powerlifting Federation is an affiliate of the International Powerlifting Federation, just as the Indian Weightlifting Federation is of the International Weightlifting Federation.

5. The International Powerlifting Federation has already held six World Powerlifting Championships whereas the International Weightlifting Federation i.e. parent body of Indian Weightlifting Federation has nothing to do with Powerlifting Meets (even their Rule Book does not show Powerlift Rules).

6. This is all the more glaringly brought out by the Indian Weightlifting Federation having applied to the International Powerlifting Federation for affiliation to control Powerlifting in India and not to their own parent body, the International Weightlifting Federation, thus recognising that their own parent body has no jurisdiction over the separate sport of Powerlifting. This request was naturally turned down by the International Powerlifting Federation.

—Manjit Bose, Hon. Gen. Sec.,
Indian Powerlifting Federation,
(Calcutta).

What about umps?

DESERVING sportsmen are duly honoured by many associations. But everyone seems to forget the umpires, the gentlemen who do a thankless job. While sportsmen receive awards and a great deal of fame, the umpires are pushed into the background. Why not awards for umpires too? For example, just as a 'Man of the Match' is selected after every Test, so also an 'Umpire of the Series' should be selected. This can be done in all sports, not necessarily cricket only.

—S Kannappan (Madurai)

Disgraceful

I WAS shocked to learn that India have withdrawn from the Women's World Cup hockey tournament because of financial reasons. We can put up the money for women's cricket and football, but not for hockey. After all, it's the national game, isn't it? This is most disgraceful, for we were just emerging as a force to reckon with in international women's hockey.

—B. V Prasad (Vizag).

Wrong premise

READER J. C. Pathak's letter (16th May) "Indo-Pak Cricket—dream come true?" starts on the wrong premise that six islands make up the West Indian side. Actually, West Indies is comprised of five islands and a littoral state, Guyana which stands between Venezuela and Surinam to the north of the continent of Latin America.

—Sanjoy Mukherjee (Barasat).

Falling standards

NOT SO LONG ago the government withdrew the Indian team from participating in the pre-Olympic soccer tournament largely because there was a distinct deterioration in the standard of performance. Despite the concerted efforts at the eleventh hour by AIFF, the Ministry refused to budge.

Now without Bengal players in the national soccer team for the forthcoming Merdeka, the standard is once again bound to be mediocre as in 1973. Had the pre-Olympic entry materialised, Bengal players would certainly have been an automatic choice in the team. But, for a less prestigious tournament, such as Merdeka and President's Cup, they have cried off for local competitions at home. How then can one expect consistency in form or a match-winning combination from our soccer team?

—Terence Craven (Bombay).

Fast bowlers

I SUGGEST the following steps to unearth fast bowlers in India: (1) The rules governing domestic cricket must be changed so as to make it mandatory upon fast bowlers to bowl a certain number of overs in a match. (2) A trophy (Mohammed Nissar Trophy?) should be instituted with the five zones competing. Only fast bowlers should be allowed to bowl in the matches, which will be restricted to 75 overs per innings with the new ball being claimed every 25 overs to add excitement (3) Financial incentives should be provided. For example, the fast bowler who has bagged the maximum wickets in a season should be awarded a cash prize of say, Rs. 15,000. The aid of sports-minded industrialists like Dr Bharat Ram should be enlisted (4) Greater stress should be laid on the villages where healthy youth abound.

—Ashoke Roy (Raniganj)

Wanted: headgear

THE suggestion to limit the number of bouncers to two or three per over is not going to solve the problem of danger to batsmen from fast, rising balls. How can one definitely say that the bowlers will not be able to hit the batsmen within these limited number of bouncers? To me, the only satisfactory solution to the problem appears to be the use of suitably designed protective headgear and special padded vests or similar protection for the torso. Arguments like, 'Cricket is a game for the brave', 'introduction of such head-gear will reduce the aesthetic appeal of the game' etc., are nice and sweet but are not valid in the context of present-day Test cricket which has become more like a war than a gentleman's game. Today one can well say that all is fair in Love, War and Test Cricket — provided you win! So, if we do not wish to see batsmen battered, bruised, knocked out and even killed by fast rising balls, let the batsmen be provided with protective head-gear which will shield the head and the face. Once the need is accepted, suitable designs will readily be evolved.

—K. G. Mathew (Bombay).

What a shame

I WAS shocked to learn through the papers that the returning Indian cricket team was not even given a moderate welcome, let alone a tumultuous one. They richly deserved one. This only shows that the public is quick to praise and love and encourage only when the team wins, not otherwise. What a shame!

—Manmeet Singh Anand (Delhi).



by RAILBIRD

FOLLOW the money, especially on horses in which that king sized punter M A M Ramaswamy has an interest, and you cannot go wrong

The soundness of that advice was proved over the last weekend in Bangalore when Cherry Lass, who was better supported than that better formed three-year old Dauntless, duly landed the gamble in the 1,600 metres Gubbi Cup while Dauntless was injudiciously ridden into the ground and failed badly and when the odds about Trelawne, a repeated failure in Madras, contracted while those on the bred in the purple Masterpiece, who had run but once in Bombay, went out and Trelawne won the 1,400 metres Bababudan Plate from Masterpiece, who was late on the scene

It is possible for Bombay punters to follow the trend of the betting in Bangalore as the opening prices and those prevailing five minutes before the start of each race are announced over the public address system. This is not enough, and it is imperative that these odds be posted on prominent easy to read boards as is done in Bangalore when betting on the Bombay races is accepted

Follow MAM to win

This system, of course, lends it self open to malpractice as is reported to have happened in Mysore. There Cherry Lass was quoted at 4 to 1 while Dauntless was at half money. It is alleged that the short odds about Cherry Lass were conveyed to Mysore on the hot line but these were not made available to the general punter and those connected with the officials of the Mysore Race Club profited by it by wagering on Cherry Lass on odds which, compared to those in Bangalore, were inflated

Bookmakers, as was to be expected, raised a hue and cry and demanded that odds from Bangalore should not be conveyed to Mysore. Predictably, punters demanded the very opposite and it speaks volumes for the good sense of the Mysore authorities that the punters had their way. Bangalore odds will be made known to Mysore punters in future

This column refuses to believe that Cherry Lass, although she had had the benefit of a run and is more experienced, is a better horse than Dauntless and feels that had L Marshall who was astride the youngster ridden him with better understanding he would have gained the day. Similarly time will show that Masterpiece will go further than Trelawne

It is significant to note that the man who was most embarrassed by these events was conscientious trainer Aziz Mahmoud. He saddled Dauntless and Masterpiece while D M Hill and A B David sent out the ones who won their respective races. Aziz Mahmoud, who has several other big betting own

ers in his yard, had advised them to support his runners and was his face red when they were beaten! Readers can draw their own conclusions from the news that Fondant (the horse over which Shinde was dismissed by Mr Ramaswamy in Bombay), Masterpiece, Dauntless and High Society and an unnamed two year old, in all of whom Mr Ramaswamy has an interest, have been transferred from Aziz Mahmoud's establishment to that of A B David

Ramaswamy's colours were carried to victory by six horses in the 13 races run over the weekend and all were prime favourites. Four of them—Aristocracy, Cupid, Red Satin and Trelawne—were saddled by A B David on Sunday while Fondant (Aziz Mahmoud) and Cherry Lass (D M Hill) scored the previous day

Aristocracy is today the most successful youngster in training, having won from all five of her last starts. The Lord Jim Royal Rose filly's fifth success was in the 1,600 metres Malapraha Cup in which she beat Class Three opposition pointlessly. It is true that there was not much of quality behind her and it is true that the time of 1 minute 46.15 seconds with false rails up was poor but the fact remains that despite more than one check in the course of the race she was never under any pressure to win. She is the highest rated filly at the moment and unless Imperial produces something startling we will look beyond Aristocracy when we get to the Illies Trial Stakes in June 1st

Learn to play squash—15

Variations on service

Words by Britain's senior national coach, Tony Swift
Techniques by Bryan Patterson

A FLATTER HARD HIT SERVICE CAN BE USED FROM EITHER BOX

THE LOB SERVICE

HIT THE BALL LOWER ON THE FRONT WALL AND REARER TO THE MIDDLE OF THE COURT SO THAT IT IS BACKWARD STRAIGHT AT THE OPPONENT

HARD HIT SERVICE

FROM THE LEFT HAND BOX, THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE LOB SERVICE OR THE HARD HIT SERVICE IS THE BACKHAND SERVICE

FRONT VIEW

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WE have discussed the basic serves but if your opponent is coping with these it is useful to have variations which can also be used as a surprise.

If you have been using a lob serve all match, try suddenly throwing one which is hit very hard. It can have surprising and encouraging results. This tactic can be used from either box.

An alternative to the lob and hard-hit service is one struck on the backhand from the left hand box (for left hander Bryan), or the right hand box for the right hander.

This has the advantage in that the server faces his opponent as he serves and for that reason is used by many top players.

It is simply a matter of throwing the ball in the air and hitting the ball on the backhand before it bounces. The angles are halved (rather like the forehand service from the right hand box) and some care is needed when using this service, but movement to the T can be achieved in two strides which is another advantage to this service variation.

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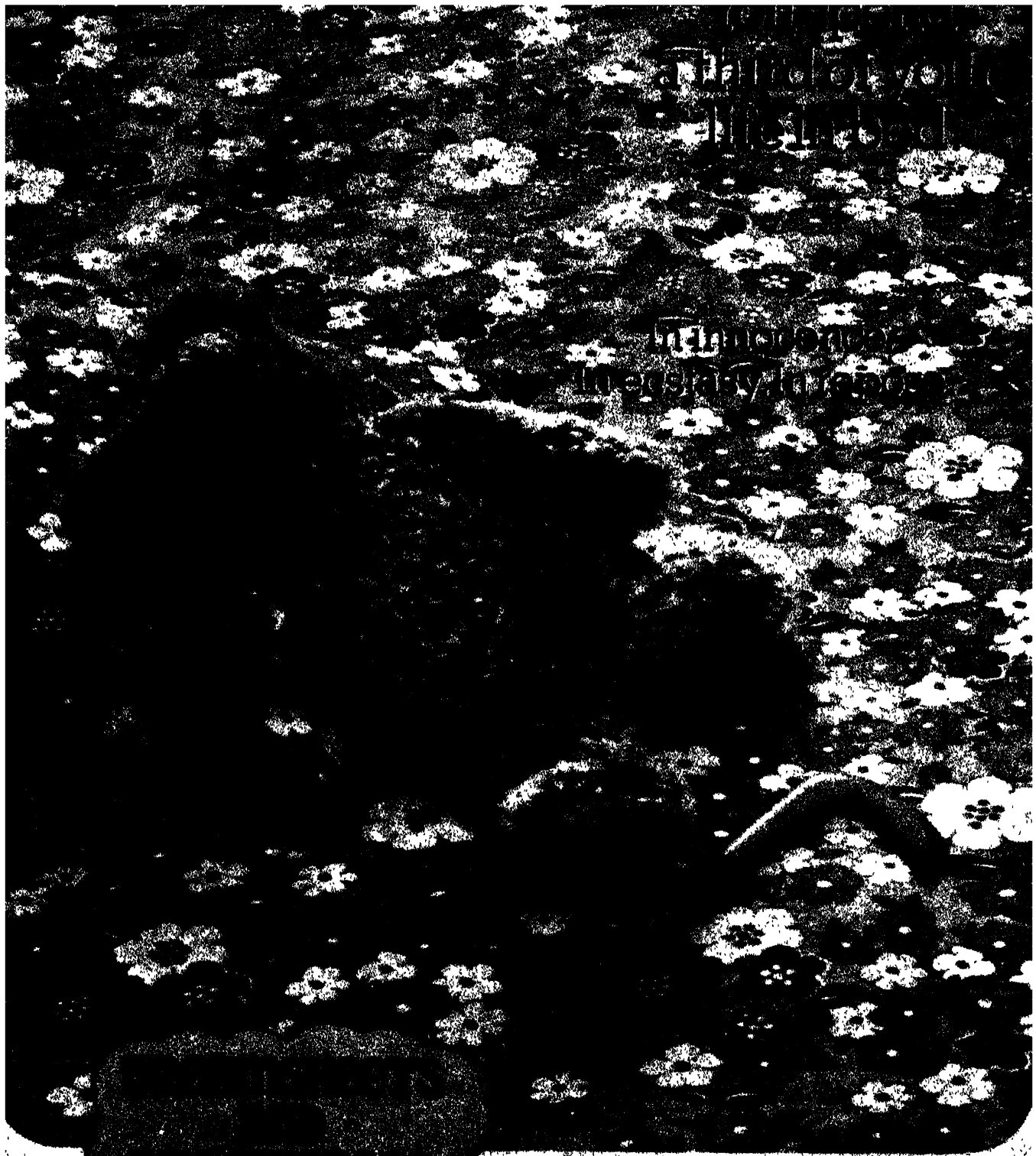
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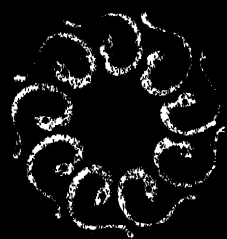
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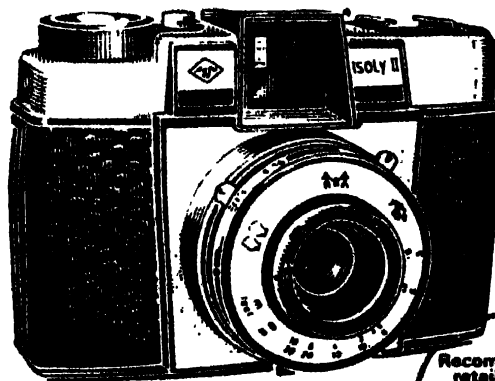
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HITTING OUT ... KHALID ANSARI

O, for a clear S. Africa policy

THE need for a consistent, clearly-enunciated and rigidly-adhered-to policy vis-a-vis South Africa's participation in international sport has been underscored, yet again, following the withdrawal of our players from the individual events of the World Amateur Squash championships in Wembley, London last month.

Whereas the sketchy reports emanating from London, even in newspapers published from that metropolis, precluded a correct assessment of the situation, a source close to the Indian team has now revealed that the organisers had confirmed telegraphically that the South African team "would not be participating" and that the Indian entries were sent only after this terse "assurance" had been received.

If the above is true, the organisers — the International Squash Rackets Federation — deserve censure for what strikes us as being a diabolical exercise in equivocation and prevarication. The Indian players too are not entirely above blame for their part in this sorry episode, for by consenting to a 'compromise,' which was for the organisers a face-saving arrangement — they would stay in the tournament but not turn up if they met a South African — they betrayed a lack of appreciation of first principles. Where was the necessity of agreeing to play in the 'open' individual events with the full knowledge that the draw included the South Africans? It was certainly a case of sacrificing long-cherished principles at the altar of immediate expediency and we have only ourselves to blame for the shoddy treatment meted out to our players.

Our players were right in refusing to play the South Africans and their case was probably strengthened by the fact that Pakistan, Kuwait and the UAR did likewise but the point SPORTSWEEK would like to make is that we should have withdrawn as soon as the organisers, for obvious reasons, insisted on including the Springboks in the draw on the pretext that they were players from 'Southern Africa' or 'Africans from South Africa.' This contemptible tendency to sneak in South Africa by the backdoor is on the increase and support for that country at times even takes 'militant' forms, witness the threat of France to pull out of this year's Davis Cup unless Mexico is penalised for refusing to play South Africa.

Whereas SPORTSWEEK is the first to concede the point that the 'sins' of their government should not be allowed to visit upon their sportsmen and that politics should not be allowed to 'taint' sport, one cannot, alas, escape the fact that sport, in this day and age, cannot be altogether divorced from its milieu from which it draws its sustenance, since present-day societies are greatly influenced by the ideologies of the government of any country. To that extent, we commiserate with the sports-loving people of South Africa but the abhorrent apartheid policy of the government of that country is a different kettle of fish altogether.

Our sport policy, although showing increasing

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COVER: Surjit Singh, deep defender par excellence of Indian hockey and one of the main hopes of scoring via the penalty-corner. Transparency: Gopal Bhat.

signs of pragmatism, still seems to say, in a nutshell: international team events against South Africa, definitely no; individual events, maybe. For years now, our tennis players have been rubbing shoulders with individual South African players, playing with and against them on the international tennis circuit.

Bishen Singh Bedi, Farokh Engineer and Sunil Gavaskar escaped the rigours of this inconsistent policy when they played alongside Graeme Pollock, Hylton Ackerman and Peter Pollock during the Rest of the World-Australia series a few years ago. And our world-renowned cueists played against Manuel (Manny) Francisco in the World Championships at Malta in 1971 without stirring up even a storm in a tea-cup.

The Indian withdrawal from the individual event at Wembley appears to have been the result of confusion over India's official South Africa policy ... which strengthens our case for an unambiguous official enunciation of our stance.

It is our considered opinion, on balance, that even though ideally, there should be no room for politics in sport, the only way to settle this impasse once and for all is to shun all sporting relations with South Africa until such time as that country can provide equal sports facilities and opportunities to all its citizens, irrespective of race or colour. It is increasingly evident from the ostracism of South Africa from international sports events that the firmer we and other like-minded countries are in our resolve to blacklist (no pun intended) the racist regime in the land of the Velds, the sooner will we succeed in attaining the ultimate objective which, lest we lose sight of it, should always remain the inclusion of South Africa, indeed all nations, free from all prejudice on the field of play, into the sporting family of the world.

VIV HAS GREIG GROVELLING



PAT GIBSON reports on the first day's play

THE graduation of Vivian Richards from student of the highest potential to master of the batting art stuffed Tony Greig's first Test battle-cry back down his throat at Trent Bridge

"I intend to make the West Indies grovel," declared the England captain boldly on the eve of the first Test. By the end of the first day they had grovelled their way to 274 for two with Richards 143 not out

That means the 24 year old from Antigua has scored 1,404 runs in Test cricket in the past seven months. Since January he has hit four Test centuries, a 98, two fif-

ties . . . and that was all before this first day epic

It was such a dominant display that the Notts club might now consider replacing the famous George Parr's Tree — sadly blown down in a winter gale — with Richards' Rhododendron or Vivian's Vine

There have been some legendary innings played on this ground yet

Trent Bridge Test

The first Test ended in a draw. The scores: West Indies 494 and 176 for 5 decl. England 332 and 156 for 2

few batsmen can have equalled the Richards power of stroke as he swept past his century.

Like all great batsmen the thing that impresses you first about Richards is the time he has to play. Even on a typical Trent Bridge pitch that was as quick as any the tourists have encountered he was often to be seen waiting for the ball to come on to the bat.

Add to that his marvellous eye, superb timing and awesome strength off the back foot and you have the make-up of a man who tore away the stranglehold Greig had tried to impose to frustrate the West Indian stroke makers.

Greig did not attack as one would have expected after all the sabre rattling when Clive Lloyd won the toss and chose to bat. Instead he attempted to contain.

It was a mistake. Though Gordon Greenidge slashed Hendrick straight to gulley after bludgeoning four 4's in 22, the out-of-form Roy Fredericks was allowed to play himself back into some kind of fluency.

He lost patience, chased a ball from Greig outside the offstump and edged to second slip while on 42, but at least he had given the West Indies a start. And England did not take another wicket all day.

Richards simply went from strength to strength, rifling away his drives and pulls with such increasing velocity that in the end fielders getting in the way were being knocked over.

The only hint of a chance came when he was 136. He drove Derek Underwood over mid-off where the gallant Hendrick made a marvellous attempt to catch it goalkeeper-style.

No Holding

THEY were offering 4-1 against England beating West Indies in the first Test at Trent Bridge when the news came through that Michael Holding was not fit.

Michael Holding, the dark destroyer from the Caribbean, was then on his way to Nottingham General Hospital to undergo tests for suspected glandular fever.

Suddenly the first confrontation in the five-Test series was seen in a new light. A dark shadow had been removed from England's horizon. Rarely since Bradman has one man so influenced the build-up to a series than the 22-year-old Jamaican.

He emerged from tentative beginnings in Australia — ten wickets at more than 61 apiece — to terrorise India's batsmen in the spring and frighten the life out of the few Englishmen who have faced him in his two matches this summer.

With Andy Roberts, he posed a threat at least comparable to that of Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson a year ago. And the England selectors were so impressed that they recalled 45-year-old Brian Close to put some guts into England's batting.

Now that threat has gone. Holding is out of the first Test — and if the worst comes to the worst the entire series.

But it only added weight to the words of England captain Tony Greig when he said on TV on the eve of the Test: "If they get on top they are magnificent cricketers, but if they are down they grovel."

"I intend with the aid of Closey and a few others to make them grovel."

Holding's illness is a body blow to a team that has put its faith in the power and fury of its fast bowling.

The hook gets 'em again

THERE has been much talk about English batsmen's vulnerability to short-of-a-length bowling, but people forget that the West Indians have their problems too, writes PAT GIBSON.

Englishmen tend to get hit by it. West Indians frequently get out to it . . . and, as if to prove the point, Tony Greig's Sussex trapped the top four tourist batsmen by feeding the hook shot that got them into trouble so often in Australia last winter.

The West Indians' match against Sussex ended in a draw — it was the last outing for the tourists before they met England at Trent Bridge.

Roy Fredericks, Gordon Greenidge, and Lawrence Rowe all made a mess of it, the first against Greig himself and the other two against John Snow for wicketkeeper Arnold Long to hold three successive catches.

And though Alvin Kallicharran managed to discipline himself for two and three quarter hours in his search for form, he eventually hooked John Spencer into the hands of deep fine leg.

Greig was warned by umpire David Constant for running on the pitch in his follow through. It is not the first time he has fallen foul of umpires for this offence

and only last September he was banned from bowling for the rest of the innings after being warned twice in three overs by umpire Henry Horton in the match against Lancashire at Hove.

But this apart, clearly the lessons of Australia have not been lost on the England skipper. With chairman Alec Bedser constantly preaching the virtues of attacking the off stump, England's quicker bowlers should be armed with two tactical weapons which contributed to West Indies' winter humiliation.

The West Indians, having hooked their way to 53 for three, got out of difficulty through a fifth-wicket stand of 109 in 150 minutes between Kallicharran and Larry Gomes in the second innings.

The declaration at 207 for 6 set Sussex 203 to win in two hours. It was never on, but there was time for Keppler Wessels, an 18-year-old South African left hander, to show what an acquisition he is.

At home, Wessels is called the new Graeme Pollock. While that may be highly flattering to a teenager, one could see why as he followed three second-eleven centuries in seven days with a high-class unbeaten 55 out of Sussex's 85 for one in their second innings.

Earlier, on the second day, the

West Indians had a warning. Harold Bird became the first umpire on this tour to caution one of their fast bowlers for persistently short-pitched deliveries.

The offender, as Sussex struggled to overtake the tourists' first innings 220, was 20-year-old Wayne Daniel, the apprentice behind Andy Roberts and Michael Holding in the West Indian fast bowling battery.

It was significant that Bird stepped in immediately he judged the youngster was overdoing the short stuff — especially coming as it did three days before the first Test.

Bird actually warned him twice in the same over, first for running on to the pitch in his follow-through.

Each time he advised fellow umpire David Constant and acting West Indies captain Deryck Murray of the caution. Daniel was bowling to Arnold Long at the time.

I counted four short-pitched balls, but only one was a true bouncer. Long was hit once below the right shoulder but swayed out of line of the rest.

The day, however, belonged to Bernard Julien, who followed his five for 33 against Kent with seven for 78.

Roger Knight, who moved from Gloucester this season, made 55, and he and Long were awarded county caps.

On the first day of the match, Sussex fast bowler John Snow proved he is fit and ready for Trent Bridge. His scorchers at Hove fetched him three wickets for 44 runs in 23 overs.

Tony Greig's rejuvenated Sussex dismissed them for 220 and became the first county to bowl the West Indians out this tour.

Snow produced eight torrid overs in the middle of the afternoon. He took the wicket of Bernard Julien in this spell to go with Lawrence Rowe's, whom he bowled earlier after Tony Greig had sent them in to bat in a heavy atmosphere.

The scores:

West Indians 220 and 207 for six decl.

Sussex 225 and 85 for one. Match drawn.



West Indies opening batsman Gordon Greenidge is caught by Edrich (not in pic) off Hendrick for 22 on the first day of the first Test against England. The jubilant fielders are Greig and Knott—UPI

I'm no has-been

BRIAN CLOSE talks to JOHN DAVIES

PROMISE you this: the West Indies are going to have to bowl damned well to get me out.

When I heard England had sacked me back in 1967 I went away to a quiet room and cried. All I had done was fight for the honour of my team.

Yet I was astonished when I learned I had been picked. I never really thought the selectors would have the courage to name a 45-year-old player. Not that I feel I'm a has-been. But the selectors will be criticised if I don't come off at Trent Bridge.

In many ways I am savouring being selected this time more than when I was picked to play in my first Test under the captaincy of Freddie Brown against New Zealand in 1949 at the age of 18 years and 149 days. I might easily have packed the game in when Yorkshire sacked me in 1970. I felt low and empty — completely shattered with the way I had been treated.

You see, I've always devoted my life to other people and I felt I'd given blood for both Yorkshire and England. I mean that literally too! But looking back I now see that joining Somerset in 1971 as a player was the best thing that could have happened to me. At Yorkshire I had become more of a motivator of other players

than anything else and consequently my own game had suffered.

But during my first year with Somerset, under the captaincy of Brian Langford, I was able to concentrate on polishing my own game up again. Since I took over the county skipper's job in 1972 I have had to keep my game in trim so that I could teach my young players by example.

That brings me to the point about facing fast bowling, which obviously is the reason why I have been named to face the West Indies. I believe what I can bring to the side as we face Andy Roberts and company is a little bit of guts plus a little bit of technique.

I am already carrying the bruises of my recent clash with Roberts

Brian Close's recall to the English Test team has sparked off a lively debate as to whether the 45-year-old veteran is the answer to England's problems against the pace of Roberts and Co. Guts, technique, counter-attack, purely defensive are some of the reactions that have accompanied the move by England's selectors



Guts not enough

by JIM LAKER

BRIAN CLOSE's selection for England raises many questions. The main one is: has he got the class to succeed at Test level?

In common with cricketers of two generations, I have an enormous respect for the rugged Yorkshireman.

But ever since I saw him first play for England against New Zealand in 1949 I have remained unconvinced that the necessary class is there.

His Test record is a dismal one and in many ways speaks for itself. In 31 innings, he has reached 50 only three times and has an average of 24.

His solitary major achievement, of course, was his long remembered 70 at Lord's in 1963 against India and Griffith.

He returns to the England side on the strength of his performan-

ces for Somerset against the West Indians at Taunton recently.

But I would make the point that there is a vast difference playing against a sub-standard attack in a midweek game — three of the county tail-enders did well enough to explain what I mean — and facing up to the full blast of a Test match force.

Close, of course, will relish the challenge just as Colin Cowdrey did two years ago when he joined the battered England team in Australia. Yet Colin, one of our greatest batsmen, with over 100 Tests behind him and runs by the thousand to his name against the best of his time, was hard pushed to survive.

I believe Clyde Walcott, the shrewd manager of this West Indies team, will be telling his fast bowlers to forget the bouncers when Brian takes guard and concentrate instead on a fast full length around the off stump.

at Taunton and I reckon I won that particular battle on points. A lot of our present crop of batsmen have not had the opportunity of facing much genuine fast bowling and that is why we ran into trouble against Thomson and Lillee and also why there is so much concern about the coming battle.

I faced Wes Hall and Charlie Griffith in 1963 so why should I fear Holding and Roberts when I reckon I know more about the game than I did then? I am particularly delighted to be playing under the captaincy of such a great competitor as Tony Greig. He's a man after my own heart and I'll do everything to help him and the side.

But although I am labelled as a hard man, my wife Vivienne says I am a softie at heart. It is true I am a sentimental chap, particularly where my family is concerned, and one of the things that delights me most about this recall 27 years after I made my Test debut is that it came on my son Lance's seventh birthday.

Viv has always said she wanted me to carry on playing first class cricket until Lance and his nine-year-old sister Lynn were old enough to appreciate that their old man could play the game a bit.

I'm a patriotic old beggar and playing for England was always the greatest thing in my life.

A call for guts

by PAT GIBSON

ONE word explains why Brian Close was recalled at the age of 45 to play for England in the first Test against West Indies at Trent Bridge. GUTS.

Not the kind of guts that most 45-year-olds are only too familiar with, but the good, old-fashioned, stiff upper lip stuff that our school-boy heroes were made of.

If John Bull had been available, England might have picked him. As it is they have settled for Close for these three reasons:

BECAUSE he has proved that he is not afraid of the most ferocious fast bowling

BECAUSE he has the courage to stand equally unflinchingly in the vital but dangerous bat-and-pad position at short leg

AND, most important, because England were desperate to find someone to raise morale in the dressing room

Ten places in the side were not hard to fill. The one position left was the crucial one at No 4. And in giving it to Close at the insistence of the captain the selectors offered a sad unspoken comment

on the present state of English batsmanship.

Blame it on shell shock after their experiences against Lillee and Thompson, lack of experience against fast bowling because of our slow wickets, or even the decline in moral standards if you like but the fact is that none of the younger contenders actually relished the prospect of taking on Andy Roberts and Co.

Close will — and Greig knew it, which is why he came up with the idea of picking a man who played 19 times for England between 1949 and 1967 without scoring more than 70.

He has collected almost as many bruises as he has runs — 721 — including a mass of them in his most memorable display against another West Indian duo, Wes Hall and Charlie Griffith, at Lord's in 1963. His chest and arms were black and blue at the end but his highest Test score almost took England to victory.

That kind of courage and character is what Greig wanted, even demanded in his team. And though the selectors took a lot of persuading they eventually agreed to back his judgment.

Cricketers of the week...3

BIRTHS

June 13

G. Gunn (Eng) 1879
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Ind) 1905.

June 14

D. V. Smith (Eng) 1923.

June 15

M. E. Z. Ghazali (Pak) 1924.
K. S. Indrajitsinh (Ind) 1937.

June 16

S. C. Griffith (Eng) 1914
T. W. Graveney (Eng) 1927
J. B. Statham (Eng) 1930.

June 17

B. S. Chandrasekhar (Ind) 1945.

June 18

C. Ramaswami (Ind) 1896
W. W. Wade (SA) 1914
A. E. Fagg (Eng) 1915.

June 19

W. E. Midwinter (Eng) 1851
W. R. Hammond (Eng) 1903
R. Pollard (Eng) 1912

DEATHS

June 15

C. H. Parkin (Eng) 1943.

June 17

S. Wazir Ali (Ind) 1950
M. Hendersor. (NZ) 1970
Yadavendera Singh of Patola 1974.

June 18

D. R. Jardine (Eng) 1958.

—K ISWARA DUTT

Greig goes on the defensive

by JOHN THICKNESSE

THROUGH Tony Greig's insistence on resuscitating Brian Close, England put avoidance of defeat above pursuit of victory as their prime aim in the first Test match against the West Indies.

Such policies have high disaster rates. Success in cricket nearly always originates from seeking the initiative whenever the match situation warrants it and then, through skill or daring, seizing it.

The converse is also true. It is all too easy to envisage what might happen when England bat.

The West Indian fast bowlers, virtually assured nobody will raise a bat to them until Bob Woolmer comes in at No. 5, may be able to station a ring of close-catchers for all the first four batsmen — and, worse for England, be so fresh and full of running, that the new batsmen will be under great pressure each time a wicket falls.

John Edrich, Mike Brearley (who belatedly won his first cap

at 34), David Steele and old man Close are, in their way, a redoubtable quartet.

But even the best "blunters" among Test batsmen — among whom must be listed selectors Sir Leonard Hutton and Ken Barrington — found life a whole lot easier if the fellow at the other end kept the scoreboard turning over.

Hutton had his Compton and Barrington his Dexter; and though there is, nobody in the Compton-Dexter class about, there is, in Warwickshire's John Jameson, a player of known courage and relish for attack, who against Clive Lloyd's West Indians with their pathetic record in Australia, might have won, not only a Test, but not impossibly the series if his luck had matched his withering stroke play for three or four hours.

I am surprised by Greig's defensive-mindedness, not only because he is essentially an attacking cricketer but because he was a witness to West Indies' capitulation in Australia.

Close's recall at 45 is a tribute

to his durability and courage. But even more than that, it is an indication of Greig's domination of the selection panel. Left to themselves, I am confident Close's name would have been mentioned only as a jest, far less found its way onto the England team sheet.

The countdown to the series has, in fact, been a disaster for England from the moment a hopelessly under-strength MCC team was thrown in against Andy Roberts and Mike Holding at Lord's.

The West Indians duly trampled on them by 200 runs, which was their third successive victory. Chairman of selectors Alec Bodes and the MCC committee could hardly have made a better job of it if their sole aim had been to restore West Indies' morale in the week before the Test.

England's main hope indeed was that Lloyd's side could have grown over-confident, as they did with fatal results against Australia after their innings victory in Perth last winter.

From here and there

THE strange disappearance of Romanian tennis star Ilie Nastase remains a mystery, with World Team Tennis officials still unable to offer an explanation for his departure from the Hawaii Leis.

Nastase left Hawaii suddenly last Friday, saying his passport had expired and that he was being recalled to Bucharest — but the Romanian government has since denied this claim, and stated the temperamental player had not been expected back in his home country until after the Wimbledon championships.

Meanwhile, World Team Tennis commissioner Larry King said that whatever the reason for Nastase's absence, the Romanian was breaking his contract with the Leis.

"There's no question in my mind that it's a breach of contract," King said from his Newport Beach, Cali-

fornia offices. "He's made a promise to play, and been paid a large amount of money. We can't tell what's going on."

WEDDING bells will peal for Harmik Singh, who captained India's Olympic hockey squad in Montreal (1972) on 13th June, when he will wed Pame Sodhi in Faridkot.

HEAVYWEIGHT champion Muhammad Ali says he is slowing up at 33, but he is still fast enough to suit one admirer, photographer-actress Candice Bergen, reports TIME magazine. After snapping pics as Ali battered Englishman Richard Dunn in Munich, Candy rhapsodised, "He's so breathtakingly beautiful, absolutely dazzling. He's just like a mirrored ball! You can't keep track of him while he's dancing around in front of you."

Before Ali's victory, Candice

won a bout of her own — against German tradition forbidding women a ring-side seat. Was it worth it? "Watching a fight is kind of watching a car accident," concluded Candy. "It's horrible, but you can't take your eyes off it. I just sat there thinking Ali was a beautiful sculpture and I didn't want to see it get damaged."

THE Bandra Gymkhana will revive its open table tennis tournament after a lapse of nearly twenty years this year. The tournament, sponsored by K. Rahejas, has attracted several outstation players including B. K. Arunkumar, Anita Sardesai and Kiran Wardekar, besides the cream of local talent. Shailaja Salokhe and Kabad Jayant, both former national champions, have also been invited. Following the Bandra Gym tourney will be the one organised by Catholic Gymkhana from June 20-26.

THE grapevine has it that the name of R. S. Gentle, India's former Olympian, was proposed for the post of manager of the Montreal bound Indian hockey team, but was dropped in favour of R. S. Bhola for fear of official non-clearance



World heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali finds himself at the receiving end, for once. Wrestler Gorilla Monsoon spins him round his shoulders and then dumps him on the floor during an impromptu bout in Philadelphia recently. Ali got himself into this tangle when he jumped into the ring from the audience to fight Monsoon. Ali faces Japanese wrestler Antonio Inoki in Tokyo later this month

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Goodbye, Golden Era

THE expression "Golden Era" has been associated with English cricket at the turn of the century with such immortals of the game like WG, Ranji, MacLaren, Fry, Lockwood, Richardson, Spooner, etc., dominating the scene. Australia were the only other Test playing country and, again, to name only a very few from "Down Under," they had Noble, Stoddart, Trumper and others. It was treated as a gentleman's game, with certain ethical codes — not that there was not hard but healthy competition, nor a certain amount of national prestige involved. Or else when England were beaten at home by Australia, the term "The Ashes" would never have been born.

That "Golden Era" seems to have been progressively vanishing. And why not? When the face of the earth — economically, culturally, socially, politically and otherwise — has changed so radically in the last three-quarter of a century, for better or for worse. Time moves on; we move with the times. Baron Pierre de Coubertin's accent in 1896 on Olympic amateurism is all in a shambles; other major amateur games like lawn tennis, cricket, golf, etc., are heavily cash-oriented. It is not enough to "take part" today, but often, to try and win "at all costs." The personal stakes, apart from national prestige, are too high.

The first major "rebel" against the "Golden Era" motto was England captain Douglas Jardine who employed "bodyline" bowling in Australia in 1932-33, largely to contain the phenomenal Sir Donald Bradman. There was much bad blood between the two countries.

England stalwarts like Sir Jack Hobbs, Walter Hammond and G. O. Allen, openly criticised Jardine's tactics. But the MCC stood by their captain — although two or three years later, they amended the law that left the umpires the discretionary powers to stop "intimidatory" bowling. That law, to say the least, was vague — and still is. Jardine told me in all sincerity that it was "fast leg-theory." As if to prove it, in 1933 in England, when Constantine and Martindale — both express fast bowlers — tried

to give him a taste of his own medicine, Jardine hit the only Test hundred of his career!

Of late we have been hearing much about the same "bodyline" bowling, bouncers, specially by Holding, Roberts, Thompson and Lillee, despite limitation of the leg-side field. The over-riding opposition factors to the bouncer menace seem to be the fear that some day somebody might be killed on a Test ground (like Nari Contractor was all but in 1962 at Barbados), that the "home" umpires wittingly or unwittingly do not always interpret the "intimidatory" law of the MCC as they should, that the captains, while playing within the letter of the law, often violate the spirit of the game. Remember Tony Greig running out Alvin Kallicharman in Trinidad after the day's play was virtually over? English commentators explained it away by Greig's competitive and combative spirit. WHAT?

Without dismissing the opposition points there is the fear-complex among the batsmen that is being developed by publicity given to chest protectors — and now even head-gear! True, from, at least 1932-33 some Australian batsmen started using thigh pads, etc., but head-gear — no, except perhaps for a suggestion by Jack Fingleton.

How many of us know that until entering the official Test arena, the great C K Nayudu rarely used an abdominal guard! Incidentally, when India beat Richie Benaud's Australia at Kanpur in 1959, C K. was the AIR expert. When I had described one of Wesley Hall's fast head-high full tosses the year before at the same venue as a "beamer," C K whispered to me: "What

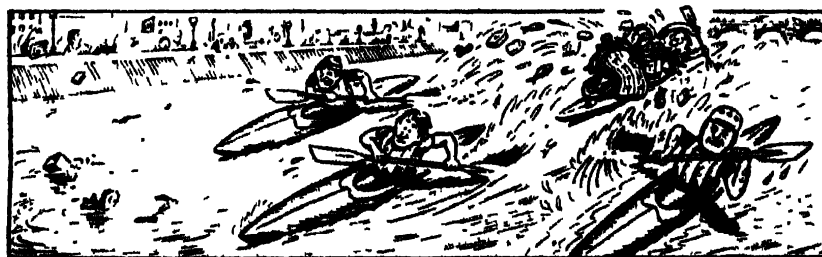
is this new-fangled expression?" The next year C.K. said over the air that he had had a questionnaire from the MCC asking his views on bouncers and beamers — and that C.K. had replied: "Every beamer should be hit for a six and every bouncer for a four, if not a six."

Brave words those, but cricketers are "creatures" of wicket conditions. Thus, until we covers came the Englishmen were about the best turning-wicket batsmen in the world; now most are all at sea against top-class spin. Similarly, until all the grass was mown out of most Indian Test venues, and even in our domestic cricket, players bowled fast. Then, most of our cricketers had to play on grassy, quick wickets, or loose matting on uneven grass, or uneven gravel. So we had quick bowlers, as well as batsmen who could cope with them and more. By turning to dead-pan wickets we have lost both ways; quick bowlers as well as batsmen who can play them confidently and competently. Much is being talked about producing fast bowlers; for 25 years my advocacy has been preparation of fast wickets from the club level. There is no other way.

About the Kingston controversy, inherently averse to making long-distance comments, and that on the face of contradictory versions of even the team-manager and the touring Indian scribes (let alone off-the-spot English commentators), whether from round the wicket on the second day, Holding bowled four or five bouncers an over, in my considerable experience of the Sabina Park wicket, there has never been any "ridge." And it could not have developed overnight.

Clive Lloyd — no great leader — after having been trounced 1-5 by Australia, had just to win the series against India to save his face. It was testing time for him also, calling perhaps for a desperate approach. Knowing the politics of West Indies cricket as I do, it was just as well for him that Lloyd was named captain for the English trip after the West Indies' swamping victory over India in the first Test at Barbados. For Lloyd at least it was better early than never!

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton



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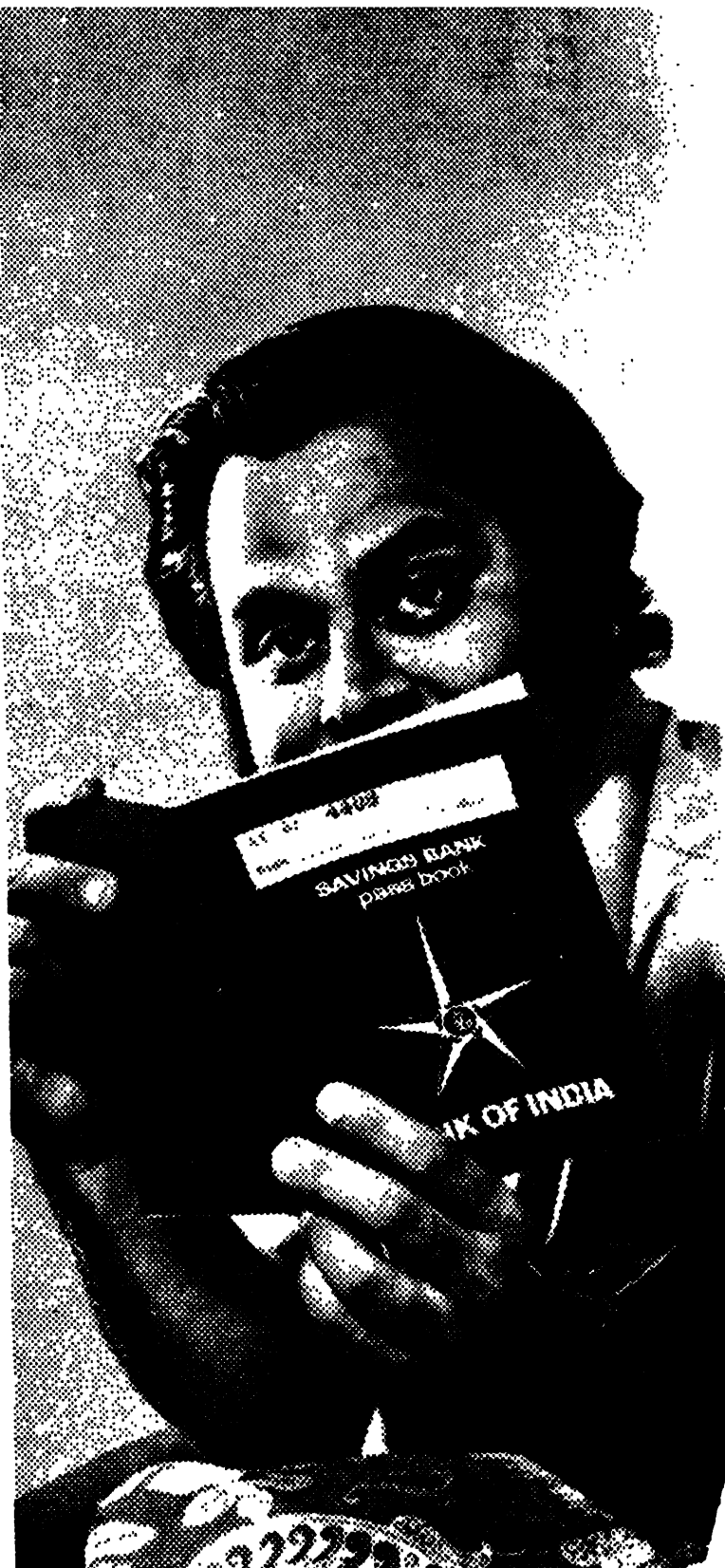
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The anatomy of speed . . .



MICHAEL HOLDING, the West Indian fast bowler who intends becoming English cricket's Public Enemy No. 1 this summer, has been likened to Fred Trueman.

The comparison was drawn by Alf Gover, the former Surrey and England bowler who operates a successful cricket school in South London.

Gover has studied action portraits of Holding — and his appraisal will hardly fill England's batsmen with confidence.

"Holding's first-class action enables him to deliver the ball in quick time; and the quicker the actual delivery, the quicker the pace of the ball," explained Gover.

"He has an action which can easily produce bounce off the wicket because he gets the left leg down to hit the deck to produce ample lift.

"He's obviously going to rattle quite a few more batsmen before the season's out.

"But his success could depend

on how he uses the experience of his partner Andy Roberts. The average Test wicket in this country tends to be easy-paced, so he'll have to utilise Roberts' knowledge of English conditions.

"The evidence is such, though, that Holding and Roberts could be as hard to tackle as Thomson and Lillee."

It was Holding's launching action which prompted Gover to compare the West Indian demon with the legendary Fiery Fred who, until a few months ago, held the record for most Test wickets.

"His action as he launches the delivery reminds me of Fred in his prime," said Gover. Here is Gover's picture-by-picture analysis of Holding's delivery:

PICTURE 1 (right).—"Holding's back is correctly arched and his left arm has been thrown forward, helping to bring the body weight forward on to the left leg. He has turn-

ed his right-hand, so that it is behind the ball, which is important."

PICTURE 2.—"The right arm is obviously high and, just before the moment of release, it is clear his right hip has done its job."

PICTURE 3.—"Just after he has released the ball, his weight is well forward over the front leg."

PICTURE 4.—"This photograph really sums up what he was trying to do. That is, to start sideways on to the wicket with his back arched, and to transfer his weight on to the front leg by moving his right hip as his right arm came up from behind him, swinging over towards the batsman's end."

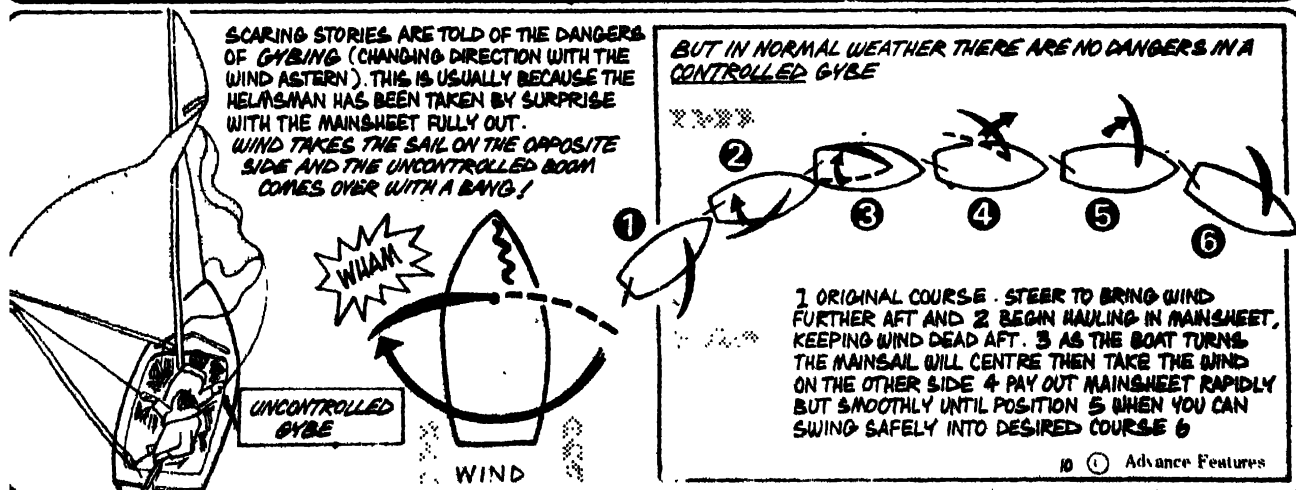
PICTURE 5.—"The follow-through is complete. His right arm has swept round in almost a full arc and the whole balance of his body is going where it should be, forward up the wicket."

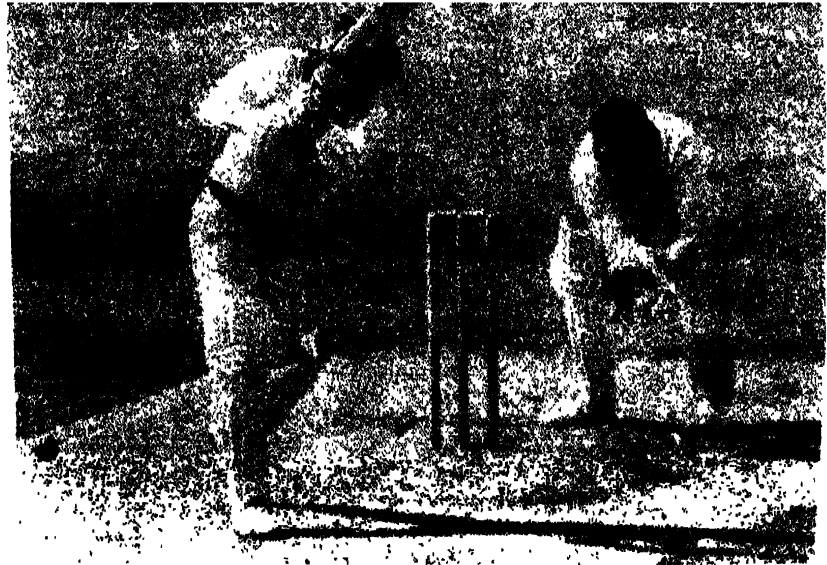
—MALCOLM FOLLEY

SAILAWAY

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO DINGHY SAILING

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Sharing in a 176-run opening stand with his skipper was Surrey all-rounder Alan Butcher, who scored 83

West Indians in England

John Edrich slammed a century for Surrey against the West Indians. The Surrey skipper was in a rare aggressive mood, driving (above) and sweeping (below)

The West Indians have begun their tour of England well — winning successive matches against Hampshire, Kent, the MCC and Somerset. Here are pics of matches played early in the tour





The fearsome duo of Michael Holding (left) and Andy Roberts (right) hit their best form to date in the match against the MCC when they routed the home side for 83 in the second innings. Below: West Indian opener Greenidge gets one through the slips against the MCC at Lord's



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BY SHARP SHOOTER

Scrap this rule

for an international tournament could be launched.

The player, too, has some inhibitions. The week or ten days that he needs to reach something approaching his best form could affect his confidence, particularly if he has to make an impression with newcomers around him. Fortunately the coaches understand this predicament of the inactive international and help him come on into the team. But the problem is latent.

But as the reader said that the rule in circumstances prevalent today does more harm than good. Even the Karnataka Football Association, who as the Mysore State Football Association, campaigned long for the amendments that have made the rule what it is today, will agree on that score.

Mysore had suggested the amendments with a view to check the flow of talent from other states, notably from their own, to Calcutta clubs, a flow that was denying the clubs that had unearthed and nurtured youngsters of promise the fruits of their labour. In those days a player could join a club in another state at whatever time he chose.

In this light the Mysore proposal was laudable. The amended rule which required a player seeking an inter-state transfer to file his application before September 30 and be a resident of his new

state from October 1 to March 31 before becoming eligible to play for his new club from April 1. Besides bringing to light cases which required further changes in the operation of the rule, it became clear towards the end of the sixties that several factors showed that the amended rule was redundant.

For one thing there were fewer and fewer players outside Bengal who attracted the attention of the Calcutta clubs, which fact is evident in the large proportion of home-grown players in the Calcutta clubs. Indeed the inter-state transfer list shows hardly any player of note going over to Calcutta in the seventies. Indeed the traffic is more the other way, with many being handicapped by the clause on residence in the new state.

Another factor that has led to the flow becoming a trickle is the emergence of commercial establishments and governmental departments who field teams. The pay offered by these are attractive enough for players to turn away from Calcutta clubs' offers, especially as they realise that jobs offer a lifetime of security.

The transfer rule as it is today came into being sometime in 1967 or 1968, after the horse had bolted. It is time the federation realised the stable it is guarding is empty and accordingly changed the rule.

In the issue SW May 23, a sober reader points out that the inter-state transfer rule (Rule 33) of the All-India Football Federation forces into cold storage for six months players who could and should contribute much to the game and the national teams. A few years back I had maintained that the rule needs to be reviewed and amended to suit changing circumstances.

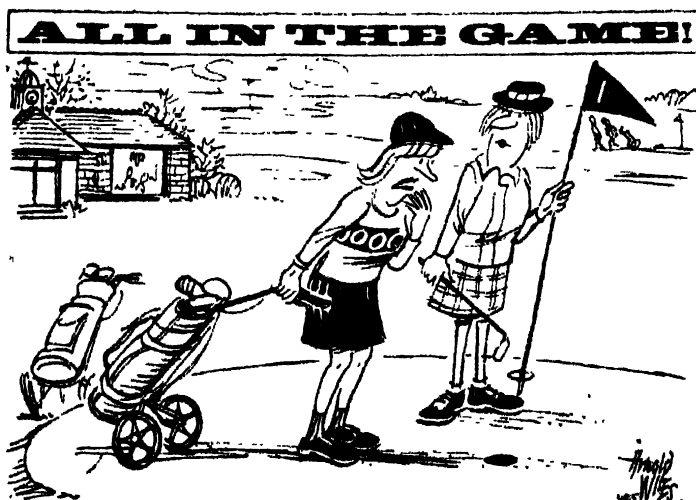
However, before restating the case for the review of the rule, I shall concede that the federation and its selectors have accommodated players who have been rendered inactive by the transfer rule's stipulation of six months' "domicile" in his new state.

A recent example is that of the invitation to international Pradeep Kumar Choudhary, whose decision to leave Bombay's Tata Sports Club and join Calcutta's Mohun Bagan Athletic Club entailed the sacrifice of not playing in Bombay's Harwood League, the DCM and Durand tournaments in Delhi, the Rovers Cup in Bombay as also in the last National at Calicut.

The selection of probables for the the team to play in the pre-Olympics, Asian Zone II, at Jakarta were based on performances at the Calicut National. Choudhary, as mentioned earlier, could not play at Calicut. But the AIFF selectors included him among the probables.

That the team was not cleared by the Government, rightly too as it did not have sufficient time for preparation, is another matter. The federation expressed its good faith in not penalising a player for seeking an inter-state transfer.

What is pertinent, however, is whether this accommodation is fair to the coaches in charge of preparing the team or to the player himself? It cannot be denied that an absence of as long a period as six months from competitive play makes one, if not rusty, at least lose one's edge. It is significant that in the past some of our coaches have bemoaned the time lost at camps to bring the players to a level of physical condition from where the real preparation



"Heavens! If I'd known the hole was so tiny I would never have bought all this expensive equipment."

Maria Bueno . . .

On comeback trail

MARIA BUENO has handed a Wimbledon entry form to the All England Club referee Fred Hoyles in the hope of making a nostalgic return to her favourite tournament.

La Bueno — queen of the Wimbledon centre court in 1959, 1960 and 1964 — knows she is late in making up her mind to go back to the scene of those triumphs.

At 36, she retains that superbly haughty, aristocratic air and certainly turned on the charm as she told Hoyles: "Perhaps, for me, there is still a chance I can be accepted."

The opportunity to play again in the arena where she won the hearts of British tennis fans with her apparently effortless grace, is a lure the Brazilian finds difficult to resist.

Comebacks are always littered with doubts. For someone who knew the success that Maria Bueno enjoyed during her majestic years, there is always the danger of embarrassment.

Yet she still has the aura of magic — and she drew a sympathetic and encouraging group of supporters during her latest comeback last week in the Italian championships in Rome.

She first won the Italian title 18 years ago. This time she was beaten in the first round by another girl who has known more

pleasant tennis days, Kathy Harter of America.

Yet the old regal touches were still there. Her dark hair, waved, was held back which used to be bouncy and severe head band. But she was still able to freeze fidgeting ball-boys with a glance.

She signalled with a slow, dignified beckoning movement of the hand when she wanted to serve and the balls were delivered just right to her racket.

And she gracefully and charmingly acknowledged the "Bravos" of the Italian crowd.

The return to British tennis — for the first time since 1968 — is something she is obviously and enthusiastically anticipating.

She told me: "I am due to play at Eastbourne in the week before Wimbledon and I'm very pleased they have accepted me."

"I have not played in a serious competition since Forest Hills last September, when I played the doubles.

"After the seven years I was out of the game with my arm injury I had to keep busy with business, and the opportunities to play tennis do not come too frequently.

"I have only played a few events since I won a tournament in Tokyo two years ago. Now I want to go back to the places I have enjoyed, like Wimbledon and London.

"The game has changed since



my big days. There is a greater spread of girls who could win the major championships but I suppose it really comes down to Evonne Goolagong and Chris Evert.

"They seem to have taken on the roles of myself and Margaret Court when we seemed to be meeting in so many finals."

When asked which girl she would tip to win the Wimbledon crown this July, there was a mischievous twinkle in her eye as she replied: "A part from me, you mean?"

More seriously she added: "I think I would have to pick Evonne. She is having such a wonderful year."

—IAN BARNES

Bjorn Borg, bad times and . . .

BJORN BORG's birthday party in Paris this week will not be the most elaborate affair.

No matter that he has already this year skimmed £84,000 off the world tennis circuit in a blaze of spectacular, winning play, Borg will celebrate the arrival of his 20th year in the same ragged uniform that last week had been causing mild affront to some of the snootier members of the exclusive Dusseldorf Tennis Club.

It consists of a yellow T-shirt, which has not faded quite enough to obscure a message too bold to reproduce in a family newspaper.

And a tight coil of beads, a pair of ancient jeans, and plimsols that suggest his recent itinerary, including Texas, Sweden and Hawaii has been mostly accomplished on foot.

But never has it been more true

that you cannot obscure a winner in tramp's clothing.

The fact is that Borg is hot. And getting hotter with every piece of play, every practice session.

He badly wants to win at Wimbledon . . . and when he says he will, it is a statement which strikes you with surprising force.

For Bjorn Borg is no longer the slightly furtive young man racing before the massed ranks of teenyboppers, the tennis protege known to throw matches simply out of his mental fatigue.

He tells me: "I'm happy now because I know what I'm doing and who I am. My coach has taught me how to face all my games, hang on at the top, and still avoid the problems of winding up hating tennis."

"You have to get tough mentally, so that when about once a

month, you get this black mood, you simply toss it aside.

"I have been in this thing five years now and I have to admit that there have been times when I have been very confused.

"You know what it is. However much you love doing something, if you are not right in your mind, well, the magic goes.

"The fact that you are winning lots of money, more than you ever dreamed was available to you, doesn't affect this.

"What can you do with money? Buy things which make you happy — or might not. Look at me. What do I need with money. I wear a T-shirt, and a pair of jeans. I have a car back in Sweden. Well, that's about it.

"What is important to me, more than ever now, is travelling the

Salute to a GOM of sport

TENNIS and cricket are two exacting mistresses who demand nothing but undistracted attention. To bask in the sunshine of smiles of both calls for a rare dexterity and skill which one usually associates with the balancing feat in the circus arena. This enviable task was accomplished with a great degree of success by India's double international, C. Ramaswami, who completes 80 on June 16.

Ramaswami made his entry into the tennis court as a boy not for a living but to watch the masters at the game. Soon both Ramaswami and his brother M. Buchi Babu, a great sportsman acknowledged as the 'Father of Madras Cricket,' began wielding both the racket and the willow with equal ease. And like the Vicar of Wakefield's jump from the blue bed to the brown, Ramaswami's was an interrupted march of triumph from one tennis court to another, leaving his mark of craftsmanship. He caused a flutter at Cambridge when in his very first year, he humbled the Irish champion, J. McCrae, in the final to annex the University's singles crown.

Cambridge showered honours by awarding him the half blue in the very first year—a concession hard to extract. Next he was entrusted with upholding the university's honour against the traditional rival—Oxford, which he did in a befittingly gallant manner.

To Ramaswami, the proudest moment of his life was not the day he achieved the 'Blue' but

the one on which he and A. H. Fyzee established India's superiority over Spain's De Gomar and Flaque in the Davis Cup doubles match in 1922. To have subdued a pair who a fortnight later were runners-up at Wimbledon was laudable indeed.

This victory inspired Ramaswami to the best performance of his career when he humbled F. G. Lowe, a British Davis Cup player, to wrest the singles title of the South of England Championship at Eastbourne.

Ramaswami's approach was that of a true student, always eager and never too old to learn. He was deeply impressed and spent a lot of time watching and assimilating tennis from that all-time great W. T. Tilden (US).

Ramaswami hardly needed any introduction to cricket. He made exquisite strokes 'all round the wicket' as a boy of eight in the verandah of his house. He marked his entry into the inter-school tournament with a bright century and repeated the performance in his debut in college cricket. And in his first big game against the Europeans for the Hindus in the annual presidency match in 1917, he came very near it, falling for 92.

It was against Jack Ryder's XI that he was in his element with knocks of 48 and 82. That "booked" his passage for England with Vizzy's team in 1936.

Ramaswami was in good spirits when he set foot in England but his bat was not in line and he

missed his Test baptism at the Mecca of Cricket—Lord's. Depressed and forlorn, Ramaswami thought of calling on his 'old love' (tennis) at Eastbourne.

Then came the turning point—the match against Lancashire. This match will remain memorable for the Nayudu brothers, C. K., C. S. and Ramaswami, for between them they won it for India. Ramaswami celebrated his return to the team with a polished 127 which became the talk of Old Trafford.

Then came Test honours. Even before a ball was bowled, Ramaswami hit the headlines as the oldest Indian to make his Test debut. Ramaswami, then 40 years and 37 days old, is however not the oldest in Test cricket for we have J. Southerton who donned the flannels for England against Australia at the age of 49 years and 119 days in 1876-77.

This 'grand old man' has since served Indian cricket with distinction as a commentator, manager of the Indian team that toured the West Indies in 1953 and as a member of the selection committee.

C. K. Nayudu once said of him: 'Ramu is a gentleman to the finger tips.' But the manner in which he resigned from the Test selection committee when he did not see eye to eye with a senior colleague singles him out as a man of steadfast principle too — alas a race fast vanishing.

—K. V. GOPALA RATNAM

... a desire to win Wimbledon



world, meeting interesting people. The game is beginning to look after itself because I'm giving myself to it.

"I've cleared my mind and it is giving me the best feeling I have had since I left school five years ago."

Presiding over this remarkable exercise in climbing to the top, bracing against the first impact, then learning to enjoy it, is a big, amiable Swede called Lennart Bergelin.

For Borg, Bergelin represents a mixture of stand-in father, demanding coach, and understanding friend. He has also been known to direct a well-aimed kick in the pants when youthful indecision has lurched in the area of irresolution.

Says Bergelin: "When I first saw Bjorn he was 12, and after traveling around Europe for many years I was able to say immediately,

'Here we have something very special.'

"If I've had a fear about Bjorn, it is the old one that he might burn himself out. That his talent was too rich, and it would spend itself too quickly.

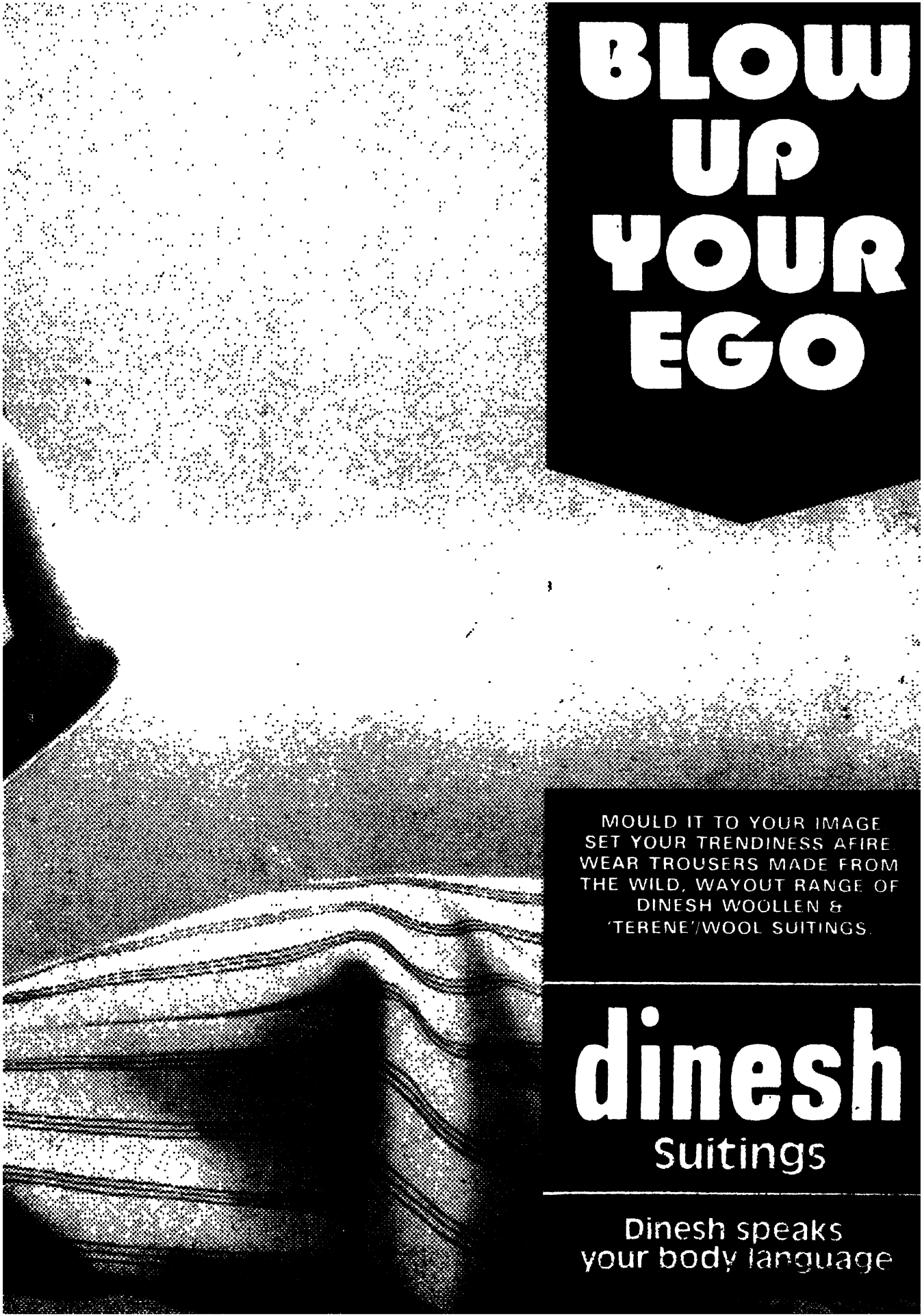
"Increasingly, the problem on the modern tennis circuit is that too many physical demands are made. Schedules are rushed, and perhaps not enough care is made when it comes to consider what is best for a player.

"My recent strategy with Bjorn has been to let him learn certain things on his own. Like how much his body will take, how much pressure he can withstand.

"There is no better lesson for a boy than to burn his fingers. It sticks in the mind, and this could be the explanation for Bjorn's position now. He has learned his lessons."

—JAMES LAWTON





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Bengal stay unbeaten

COCHIN:

HOLDERS West Bengal scored a deserving win over national champions Maharashtra, remaining unbeaten in the five-way round-robin league of the pre-Asian basketball championships.

Rest of India were unlucky to lose to Delhi after leading 49-47 till a minute before the final whistle. This win gained Delhi the second place. Maharashtra were third.

For Delhi's touch-and-go victory, they should thank Kiran Grewal and Kiran Kapoor whose height and driving power caused the downfall of the Rest. Delhi's win is all the more praiseworthy as three players were disqualified for committing personal fouls. Lalitha and Poonam gave a good defensive display under the basket.

Another setback for the Rest in the last minute was that Rohini Verghese, who was serving well under the basket, fell with muscle cramp and was carried out.

The Bengal-Maharashtra match was keenly contested till the score board read 24-24. Thereafter Maharashtra seemed a spent force and Bengal won easily 45-34. Bengal looked shades better in all departments of the game. Pivot Janice Price (Maharashtra) of whom much was expected failed as she could not cope up with the tight marking by the Bengal defence.

FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	L	F	A	Pt
West Bengal	4	4	0	240	160	8
Delhi	4	3	1	197	209	6
Maharashtra	4	2	2	182	154	4
Rest of India	4	1	3	183	208	2
Kerala	4	0	4	153	224	0

The selection committee later announced the players for the sixth ABC women's championship to be held in Hong Kong in November 1976. They will attend a coaching camp, dates for which will be announced later.

Kiran Grewal (Delhi), Janice Price (Maha), Trilochan Kaur (W. Bengal), Linda Furtado (Bengal), Shubha Prabhu (Maha), Neena Sadanandan (Kerala), Kiran Kapoor, Poonam Sabarwal and Renu (all Delhi), S. Lalitha (Maha), Catharine Joseph (Kerala), A. Rodricks, Neena Srinivasan, Lakshmi Srinivisan (all Rest of India), Effie and Anne Stephen (Bengal).

—C. K. S. MURTHY



West Bengal players, with coach Madgi, and the cup they have won for the third time



Janice Price of Maharashtra falls in the match against Delhi but keeps the ball



Kiran Grewal and Janice Price, Delhi and Maharashtra skippers, greet each other

PERHAPS the most important single factor which separates the men from the boys is the routine ritual of counting out the unseen hands.

Take a look at this contract of "3NT" which Orlando Campos of Ruia's team brought home against Arora's at the recent Bandra Gymkhana tournament.

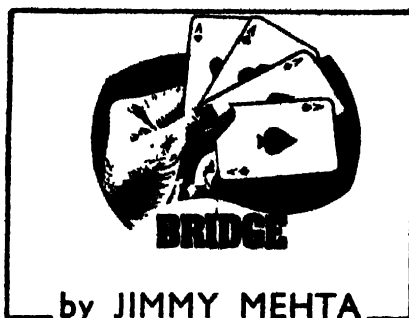
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A K Q 7
A 7 4
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Q 8 3 2
9 5 3
9 8
K Q 3 2

Bidding:

E	S	W	N
2S (weak)	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2NT	Pass	3S
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The knave of clubs was led, won in hand, and the nine of hearts ducked in dummy to East's Queen, West playing low. East shot back the nine of spades, ducked again by declarer to West's King. West persisted with the ten of clubs which was won in dummy, East parting with a spade. Next came a spade from the board won by East with his Ace who exited with another spade to declarer's Queen. In the meanwhile, West discarded a club and a diamond.

1. Who was the first man to clear 6 ft in high jump?
2. Which was the first European country to win the World Cup Football Tournament?
3. Has a non-European country won the Olympic water polo title?
4. What was the bat for hitting the shuttlecock in a primitive form of badminton called?
5. In which class former world heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson won an Olympic gold medal?
6. With which sports are the fol-



by JIMMY MEHTA

This was the seven card position:

N
nil
A J
A K Q 7
7
S
8
5 3
9 8
K 3

At this stage declarer can afford to lose only one trick. Orlando cashed the A and K of diamonds, his right hand opponent contributing the 3 and the 10. He now had a pretty good inferential count of the E-W cards. The heart King and eight appeared to be marked on his right, giving East a 6-4-2-1 shape. The heart Ace was cashed, followed by the club King and West thrown in with a club to lead away from his J of diamonds through dummy's Q7. Declarer could alternatively have cashed his minor-suit winners and thrown East in with a spade to lead into dummy's heart tenace.

This was the complete hand:

N
74
A J 7 2
A K Q 7
A 7 4
K
10 4
J 6 5 4 2 W
J 10 9 8 6
S
Q 8 3 2
9 5 3
9 8
K Q 3 2
E
A J 10 9 6 5
K Q 8 6
10 3
5

West's failure to cover the heart nine with his ten was a mistake because it tended to mark East with the eight. The bidding suggested that East had the heart King and West's facile diamond discard offered declarer a further clue to his length in the red suits confirming the probable location of the heart King. What was noteworthy, however, was declarer's well-timed efforts to obtain the exact count of the defender's hands and his painstaking assimilation of the inferences furnished by the play of their cards.

In the other room the East hand was opened "1 spade" and Orlando's counterpart played the hand in cavalier fashion releasing his club and heart controls prematurely and playing East for the Ace and King of spades. He wound up with only five tricks and a four-trick set after the same opening lead.



by HOSEY MISTRY

- lowing terms associated? a) Bully, b) short square leg and c) nursery cannon.
7. Which three sisters have won the National badminton singles title?

8. Who was the first woman to run a mile under 5 mins.?
9. Which was the first European country to win the Olympic field hockey title?

ANSWERS:

1. James Brooks (England) on March 17, 1876
2. Italy in 1934
3. No. 4. Battledore
5. Middleweight in 1952
- 6 a) Hockey, b) cricket and c) billiards
- 7 The Deodhar sisters Tara (thrice), Sunder (twice) and Suman (once)
8. Diana Susan Leather
9. England in 1902

Statisticians corner

by B. B. MAMA

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v New Zealand	3	5	1	266	116*	66.50	1	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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KIRMANI, S. M. H.																		
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ZONAL ROUND - UP

WEST



Ladies cricket comes to Indore . . . M. Soman of the M.P.W.C.A. coaches a batch of girls at the Nehru Stadium in Indore. The girls practice regularly alongside the boys and have taken to the game with great enthusiasm. Right: Ashok Mankad, captain of the Mafatlal Sports Club, receives the K. C. Mahindra cricket shield from Sushil Kumar Shinde, Maharashtra's sports minister in Bombay recently



SPORTSWEEK Managing Editor Khalid Ansari presents the SPORTSWEEK Trophy to Cadet Ravi Kumar, winner of the badminton singles title of the T. S. Rajendra. Right: The Tata Electric Co. won the inaugural Tata Inter-Companies badminton tournament for the Subbaraman Challenge Cup at the CCI courts in Bombay recently. They beat Voltas 2-0 in the final, with Ranganath and Gandhi giving good performances. The winning team is here seen with G. B. Bhat, Director, Tata Exports and Mrs. Bhat

Pesticides cricket

UDAIPUR:

PESTICIDES India, Udaipur, conducted the second Industrial cricket tournament for the Pesticides Trophy 1976 here recently. In the final, Water Works Udaipur lifted the trophy defeating Hindustan Zinc, Zawar Mines by five wickets. Skipper Chandra Shekhar Mathur hit a splendid century for the winning team, which was the highlight of the tourney.

The trophy was presented by P. P. Singhal, Managing Director of Pesticides India. Arjun Naiou, national cricket coach, NIS Patiala appreciated the step taken by M. S. Pesticides India to organise a cricket tournament for industrial employees.



The Johnson and Johnson cricket team had a good season . . . they won the Indian Airlines Invitation tourney and were runners-up to E.M.C. in the 'E' division of the Times Shield

Delhi bag East India Cycle Polo



Delhi Cycle Polo Association, the winners

CALCUTTA:

THE national champions, Delhi Cycle Polo Association, won the Maharaj Indra Jeetendra Narayan Memorial Cup, when they overcame the might of the hosts, Calcutta Cricket and Football Club by a slender margin of 5-4 in a well contested final.

Though the Delhi team won the championship, they rarely looked a winning combination. True, Brajraj Singh opened the scoring with a beautiful forehand drive from about 60 yds. out, but thereafter the CC & FC took total command of the situation. Their star Vijai Singh played a cool and calculated game throughout, but was responsible for muffing several sitters during the first chukkar.

With the scores being 3-2 in favour of Delhi, the final chukkar was really dramatic. Within a couple of minutes of the start, Vijai Singh dribbled Brajraj on his second tap and utilised the big gap he created with a fluent forehand drive to level up at 3-3. Relentless CC & FC pressure made the Delhi defence crack again and from a crowded Delhi goalmouth Peter

Hooper deflected the ball in—and it looked like CC & FC's cup. But Brajraj scored his fourth goal of the match in a breakaway movement to make it 4-all.

The sudden death spell had to be applied with widened posts and Jagjit raced down almost from the throw in to clinch the match for Delhi.

Run simultaneously with the East India Championship was the Merchant Cup Cycle Polo Championship for the Wills Trophy. This year, four youngsters from the Shree Hanuman Jute Mills played smooth, co-ordinated and well combined cycle polo to win the cup, beating last year's champions Duncans in the finals by 9-6.

More creditable for these four youngsters (Abhay Kanoria, Sanjay Kanoria, Umang Kanoria and Hemant Jalan) was to overcome the might of the Blackers (3 years' winners) with a player like Vijai Singh in their ranks, in the semi-final by 7-6. Played on a slippery turf, this match turned out to be the best of the tournament.

—SHIVAJI DASGUPTA

Sen Memorial for Kalighat

CALCUTTA:

KALIGHAT CLUB regained the P. Sen Memorial Cricket Trophy at the Eden Gardens here early last month when they quite comfortably defeated Mohun Bagan (who had recently emerged senior league champions following East Bengal's default in the play-off match) by 159 runs in the two-day final. Put in to bat, Kalighat scored 273 on the first day and though a thundershower that night did not affect the pitch Mohun Bagan — overnight 62 for three — were all out before lunch next morning for 114.

This tournament was started in 1972 with the intention of giving the State's cricketers keener com-

petitive practice. However, this year's tournament — played on a 55 over-per-innings basis till the final, which was billed as 75 overs per side — was quite a hotch-potch of limited-over cricket and the longer variety, and could have done little (especially considering it was played after the national tournaments were over) to help Bengal cricketers. Of the two outstation entries, Jamshedpur's Rusi Mody XI withdrew, and Hyderabad's U-Foam XI, led by M. L. Jaisimha, collapsed against Mohun Bagan's pace duo of Samir Chakravarty and Subroto Guha.

In the final Guha, after a luckless morning, again bowled splendidly in the post-lunch session. He

New Stadium

DURGAPUR:

ALL facilities for sports will be provided at the new ground here — Mohan Kumaramangalam complex, whose foundation stone was laid by M. A. Wadud Khan, Chairman, SAIL, at the Alloy Steels Plant land (adjacent to ASP Pavilion) here, recently. C. K. Nandy (sports organiser of ASP sports committee) told this correspondent that when completed, it will accommodate about 30,000 spectators. Eight lanes for 400 metres running track will be provided. It is expected that the stadium will be completed within a few years.

—N.G.P.

Asansol cricket

ASANSOL:

LEAGUE and knock-out cricket in Asansol, organised by Asansol Sub-Divisional Sports Association, ended recently. Abahan Sangha of Asansol annexed the cricket league title. Captain Jasbir Singh was happy for this success. Kulti Cricket Club lifted the knock-out trophy Ashok Chatterjee of Abahan Sangha took forty wickets and created a new record.

—NANI GOPAL PAL

Old-timers shine

CALCUTTA:

A 30-over cricket match, played on the Kalighat Club ground here to celebrate the golden jubilee of the Suburban Club, had an unusual angle to it: two of the players, both of them former Indian Test stars, had already celebrated their own 'golden jubilees.' They were present selection committee member Pankaj Roy (50) and Shute Bannerjee (65). Both put in outstanding performances in spite of their ages, Roy scoring 50 and Bannerjee 49 inclusive of five fours and three sixes. Bannerjee also proved to be as economical as ever taking 1 for 25.

—SW Correspondent

finished with 4 for 56. While opening batsman Moloy Banerjee, with a plucky and quick 65, was top-scorer, Kalighat's total was boosted by a 9th-wicket stand of 106 in 94 minutes between skipper T. J. Banerjee (62 not out) and paceman Barun Burman (58). After a bad start, Mohun Bagan were never really in the game. While Pronob Nandy made 37, Burman and T. J. Banerjee took three wickets apiece while Babul Das had two for 10 and Udaybhanu Banerjee two for just three runs.

—SW Correspondent



C. Flory of the Delhi Sports Journalists Association presented the association tie to Gen. T. N. Raina, president, Durand Football Tournament Society in Delhi recently. At right is Air Chief Marshal H. Moolgavkar, who has taken over as chairman, Subroto Mukherjee Cup Football Tournament for schools. Gen. Raina announced that 10 paise on every ticket sold on the final day of the Durand tourney would be set aside for the IOA as a modest gesture towards the Olympic movement in the country



New coach

ALLAHABAD.

"To give modern scientific training to the promising players, which will help in raising the standard of the game and producing good players from UP was the main factor that prompted me to take a diploma in badminton coaching from NIS," said Subhash Saxena. Subhash, who has just been awarded the diploma from NIS, is himself a good badminton player. An employee of the Accountant-General Office, Uttar Pradesh, he is incidentally the only player from UP to be awarded the badminton coaching diploma this year. He has had the distinction of representing the State, Indian Audit, Allahabad University, Allahabad district and AGUP in various tournaments.

—SANTOSH SINGH



NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Om Prakash Srivastava, an opening batsman and wicketkeeper is an asset to any team. This school-boy cricketer also holds the distinction of captaining the UP State and the Central Zone teams in the Cooch-Behar Trophy

Bedi's double

NEW DELHI:

PREM BEDI, seeded No 2 won the men's singles title of the Delhi Telecom Open table tennis tournament, beating Haryana's Tilak Raj in a five-game tussle at 21-18, 21-19, 15-21, 17-21, 21-17, at NDMC Indoor Stadium here recently.

Bedi later completed a 'double' when he annexed the doubles final with Manjit Dua, beating Manmeet Singh and Vinay Chopra at 21-19, 14-21, 21-13

Ishwar Singh



ISHWAR SINGH, the hefty lightweight wrestler from Central Reserve Police Force was declared the 'Haryana Kesri' recently in Sonapat, Haryana. Earlier, this year, he won the gold medal in his class of wrestling in the All-India Police games at Patna

Born on June 2, 1947, in Surehati village of Bhiwant in Haryana, Ishwar took to wrestling as a young boy, grappling with other village boys in soft sandy places of his village. From 1965, he began representing his school in various bouts

It was in the year 1968 that he came into the limelight when he joined Janta College, Charkhi Dadri. Representing Punjab University in the Inter-Varsity Wrestling Championship at Kurukshetra, he annexed the title of "Bharat Kumar" defeating some of the renowned wrestlers. The next year, he won the "Bharat Veer Yuvak" title in Kanpur, defeating Vasant Patil of Maharashtra

In 1971, he joined the CRPF as he was well aware of the fact that all necessary facilities would be extended to continue as a wrestler. In 1973, he defeated some top wrestlers of the country in the National wrestling championship at Delhi, to win the gold medal. He bagged a gold medal in the Police Games too. A gold medal awaited him in the next National at Pune as well. In the same year he won the title of "Haryana Kesri" in the dangal held at Jind.

In the National Wrestling Festival in New Delhi last month, he clinched a silver medal losing to Kartar Singh of Punjab in the final. His rise to the top is facilitated by the fact that he received sound advice and training from his coaches and mentors Jaspal Singh Virk and Sukhwant Singh.

—M. P. NATHAAEL

ZONAL ROUND-UP

SOUTH

Karnataka cycling

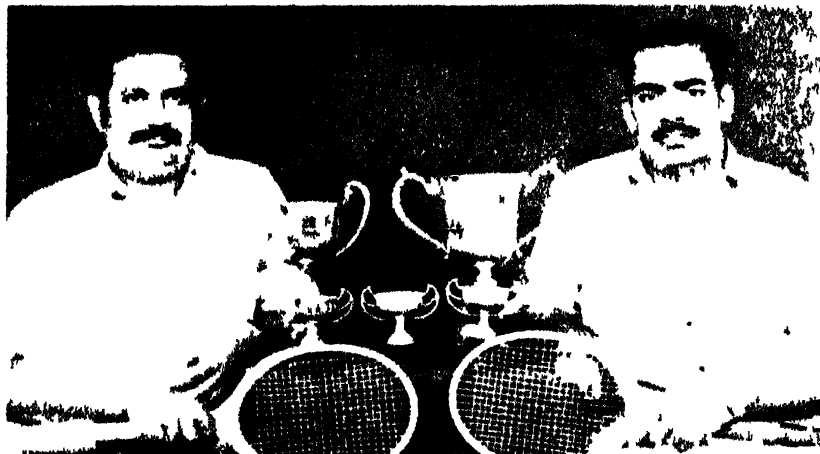
A VIRTUAL outsider, 22-year-old Yenkatappa Yentattu annexed the all-Karnataka 120-km Hubli-to-Saundatti cycle race organised under the Youth Service Project, by the Rotary Club of Hubli West.

The ultimate winner was decided only in a photo-finish as Sandhu and Kurin followed close behind Yenkatappa's victory bid seemed to have ended when he injured his right toe in a fall soon after the start, but he did not allow himself to be perturbed and was richly rewarded for some fine riding. He completed the route in 4 hrs 12 mts.

In the junior section, there was virtually no opposition to M. Ashok Kumar of Lee Riders Club, Bangalore as he completed the 40 km Hubli-to-Dharwar route in 64 minutes, well ahead of second-placed S Kurni, who trailed three kilometres behind.

—S. V. BAGAL

The photo-finish at the end... Yentattu just manages to win, a wheel ahead of Baldev Singh Sandhu (HAL, Bangalore) and Chandrapa Kurni (left).



The Open Hard Court Tennis championship at Palghat attracted some of the best players from the district. S. A. Mohamed Hussain (right) emerged the singles winner beating R. Murali. Later, he bagged a double, teaming up with R. Ragunath (left) to clinch the doubles title as well. They beat Anantha Narayanan and M. Nair in the final.



The R. Gundu Rao and F. M. Khan Ever-Rolling Gold Cup Kabaddi tourney organised by Youngsters Club concluded recently at Bangalore with CIL beating South-Central Rly. (Secunderabad) 7-5 in the men's final. Left: Subhanna of CIL and Amardass of SCR engaged in a grim tussle. Right: Sandhya Sawant of Bank of Maharashtra attempts to bring down Sunanda (Sadhana Krida Mandali, Bombay) in the women's final. Bank of Maharashtra finished on top winning all their five matches with the Sadhana girls trailing second.

WHEN the afternoon plane from Auckland touched down at Wanganui on January 27, 1962, one of the passengers who alighted was Peter Snell. The tall, serious-faced New Zealand athlete was to compete in the one-mile race at the Wanganui athletics track that same evening.

The race had been given considerable publicity in the local press, for among the competitors were Peter Snell's New Zealand teammates Murray Halberg and Barry Cossar; the famous Australian Olympian Alby Thomas; Ernie Cunliffe from America, and the slim, frail-looking Englishman Bruce Tulloh.

Peter Snell was irritated that his coach, Arthur Lydiard, had told a local pressman that he would win the race in a time of 3 minutes 55 seconds. Peter was annoyed — he had never achieved under four minutes and disliked being committed to a specific time.

More than half the population of the Wanganui district was packed into the arena when the seven competitors lined up under the lights in front of the stand and the starter's gun barked.

After the initial jostling for position Kiwi Barry Cossar took the lead. Peter Snell was lying last. The positions were unchanged when the runners completed the first lap in 61 seconds.

Snell began to move up and was



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The battle of the mile and a new world mark

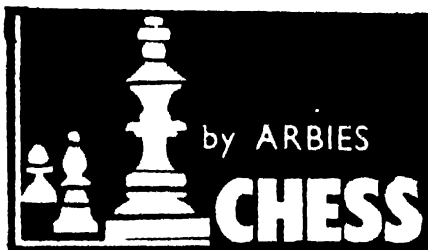
soon in third position. At the half-mile Snell was running on the heels of Cossar. Behind them was an ever-lengthening gap. It was a two-man race. Peter Snell edged past his compatriot, confident he could run the second half-mile without a pace-maker. Barry Cossar fell away and the spectators, on their feet now, began to cheer Snell to victory.

But the excitement was not yet over. As Snell approached the three-quarter mark, a slim, white-clad figure was at his shoulder and, as the bell clanged for the final lap, sprinted past him. It was Bruce Tulloh.

The whole stadium was in a state of turmoil as Tulloh flogged more speed from his slender legs. But the tall New Zealander increased his stride. Head up, he drew abreast of Tulloh and, with 300 yards to go, bounded ahead again.

The crowd went wild as Peter Snell breasted the tape — and ran into a wave of delirious competitors, officials and spectators, surging on to the track. The din silenced only long enough for the announcement that Peter Snell had achieved his first under-four minute mile. His time was 3 minutes 54.4 seconds—a new world record.

And trainer Lydiard was proved wrong — his estimate was .5 of a second too slow!



NATIONAL Champion R Ravi Sekhar won the S. K. Vaidya Memorial Tournament at Sangli (62-player, 9 rounds) with 7½ points. Other prize winners in the order of ranking were: Neelakanthan 7; Hemant Deshmukh 6½; Babur 6½; Jabbar 6½; Adhikari 6.

This is the 8th round game in which Ravi Sekhar scored a vital point with his favourite Sozin Attack.

SICILIAN DEFENCE

White: R. Ravi Sekhar
Black: V. B. Adhikari

1. PK4, PQB4 2. NKB3, PQ3 3. PQ4, PxP 4. NxP, NKB3 5. NQB3, PK3 6. QBQ4 (a), BK2 7. BK3, NB3 8. QK2, PQ3 9. QOQ, QB2 10. KRN1, OO 11. PKN4, NQR4 (b) 12. BN3, NQ2 13. PN5, NxBch 14. RPxN, RK1 15. PB4, PN4 16. PB5, NK4 17. QR5 (c), PN3 18. QK6, BKB1 19. QR4, PN5 20. N3K2, NB3 21. RN3, KPXP 22. RR3, PKR4 23.

1xP ep, PxP (d) 24. NB4!?, NK4? (e) 25. NQ5, QR4 26. NB6ch, KR1 27. NxR, BxR 28. NxP! (f), BN5 29. RN1, BR4 30. QB6ch, KN1 31. NxKP, RR2 32. KN1, QO4 33. QR4, NQ2 34. RN5 (g), QR1 35. NKB5, RB2 36. PR7ch, KR1 37. BQ4ch, PB3 38. NxP, NxN 39. BxNch, KxP 40. RxBch, Black lost on time.

(a) This move (Sozin Attack) is played when the Black QN is on QB3 and his Pawn on K2. Here 6... PQR3 7. BN3, PQN4 can lead to a different game, but Black prefers to transpose into regular Sozin.

(b) White usually plays BN3 earlier in this line. Then the theoretical continuation for Black after, say, 10. BN3, OO 11. KRN1, is 11... NQ2 12. PN4, NB4 (Vijaraghavan-Adhikari, Patna, 1975).

In the Bhilwara Trophy Tournament last year, the game Ravi Sekhar-Adhikari continued from the text position: 11... KNQ2 12. PN5, NxN 13. BxN, PN4 14. BN3, PN5 15. NR4, NB4 16. NxN, PxN 17. BB6, BxB 18. PxB, QB5ch 19. QK3, QxP(B3) 20. QxP, PQR4 21. BR4, BN2? (QB5ch! was correct) 22. QK3, QRB1 23. PK5, QB6 24. QR6, resigns. (If 24... PN3 25. RN3 and 26. RKR3).

(c) Stronger than the committing 17. PB6, BB1. White keeps the Pawns in menacing position and plans an attack in the KR-file.

(d) 23... RxP? fails because of 24. PR7ch, KR1 25. QB6ch, BN2 26. QxBch!, KxQ 27. PR8Q mate, while on 23... KR2 24. NxN, QxN 25. QB6, 26. BQ4 is decisive.

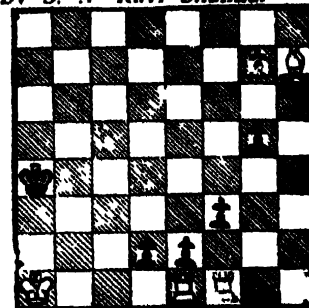
(e) Ravi Sekhar suggests 24... BK2 as a better move for Black. e.g. 25. QN3, NK4! (not 25... BxR? 26. NxP!) 26. NQ5, QR4 27. NxBch, RxN 28. RR4 (if 28. QR4?, BxR 29. QB6, NQ6ch! 30. PxN, QK4) give about even chances.

(f) On 28... BxN? 29. QB6ch and mates.

(g) The Black Queen must move keeping an attack on the Knight as otherwise the Bishop is lost. The Black King cannot now survive the combined fury of all the White forces.

END GAME

By S. N. Ravi Shankar



White: K4, R4f1, e1, B7.
Black: K5, P4d2, e2, f3, g5, g7.
White to play and draw.

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Know Your Stars ...

MY father once used to walk or pedal for miles from my village to Mercara, in Coorg, to play hockey. He loved the game. Naturally, I inherited this from him. Yes, it was he, more than anyone else, who inspired me to take to this game.

To him, and to my elder brother Narayan who was a good player himself, I am greatly indebted. So am I to C. V. Shanker, coach of the Coorg Wanderers, who spotted my talent, if I may say so, and was instrumental in my joining Mohun Bagan, Calcutta, in 1968. I was a 17-year-old then — I was born on March 3, 1951.

After a year with Bagan, I joined East Bengal. The next year, I gained India colours; I was chosen as a member of the India Light-Blues side in the international tourney at Bombay. I should say I acquitted myself well. That perhaps earned me a place in the team for the Asian Games at Bangkok that year.

My first big year in international hockey was Olympic year 1972. At Munich, I touched good form. Coach K. D. Singh (Babu) shifted me from the centre forward position to the left wing spot. I adjusted to this position. In a pool match against Poland we were down by a goal at one stage, and I helped India salvage a valuable point by scoring a second-half goal.

My most impressive performance at Munich came in our battle for the bronze, against Holland. In this match, I was back in the centre-forward position. Again, I brought off the equaliser when we were trailing by a goal before Mukhbain clinched the bronze for us with a penalty corner goal.

My goal was described as 'a beauty'. Picking a pass near the 25-yard line, I scooted towards the Dutch goal where Sikking, the redoubtable, rushed off his line to thwart me. I anticipated his charge and whisked the ball away to my left and put it into the net with an instant reverse-flick. The reverse-flick comes naturally to me, and has earned me the appellation of 'flick-master' among my teammates in Indian Airlines where I am a purser now.

I was thrilled to learn that I had been chosen to play for the Rest of the World against the Olympic champions — the match, however, did not come off because

B. P. Govinda

—THE 'FLICK-MASTER' TALKS
OF A MEMORABLE GOAL AND
A GHASTLY MISS



of the 'Munich Massacre.' But my most thrilling moment came in the 1973 World Cup tourney at Amsterdam where I scored the match-winning goal against Pakistan to put India in the final. It was again a reverse-flick that did the trick.

I was really elated when I scored that goal. Then came Holland and that infamous penalty-stroke I failed to convert. Imagine the tension after Holland had squared the score after being down 0-2. Surely, it was a situation which could give one the jitters. But I must say I was cool enough. However, I made the mistake of trying to push the ball too hard on the thick grass. The stick slipped under the ball and the push proved feeble and Sikking had no difficulty in stopping it. It was indeed a bitter moment for me.

My most memorable moment of course was when we won the World Cup at Kuala Lumpur early last year. Then I knew how it felt to be a member of the world champion side.

Many ask me the position I would like to play in most. That's easy: I prefer to be a centre-forward. Well, that is as an individual. But when it comes to playing in a team, you can't have likes and dislikes. The coach is the best man to decide in which position you fit in his scheme of things. And no amount of sacrifice is too great for the benefit of the team's overall performance, particularly when you have the honour of donning your country's colours.

So, whether I play in the centre-forward spot, or in the inside-left or left-wing position, I always strive to do my best. Perhaps because of my adaptability, the 1973 World Cup team selectors even expected me to don the goalkeeper's pads in the event of an emergency.

Though hailing from Coorg, I have been playing for Tamil Nadu in the national championship for some years now, since I am attached to the Indian Airlines, Madras. I played for Bengal in the Jullundur national.

I have received offers to play in France, Italy and Spain, but I don't intend accepting them. I am only 25 years old and, hence, have some more years of hockey in me. Accepting an offer from an European team, and turning a professional, perhaps could help me financially, but not hockey-wise.

—Text: RAJ

Y elder son, Darryl, was asking me: "What is astro-turf?"

A good question," I said. "Astro-turf is a sort of grass specially made for the German hockey team, though the Dutch think it is made for them."

My younger son, Derek, who knows about these things, said: "It is artificial grass, very similar to the grass at the Bombay Gymkhana."

I told him: "You must not believe everything that sports' journalists write. Those who are writing that the Bombay Gym turf is like astro-turf have never seen astro-turf in their lives."

How do you know," said Derek. "Their relatives in Canada, and most Indians have relatives in Canada, may have sent them a little astro-turf in an envelope."

I told him: "Sports' journalists do not gather facts in that manner."

Darryl said: "It will take another 150 years before they make astro-turf in India. And when they finally make it, only officials will be allowed to play on it."

Derek said: "If we lose, it will be said that we lost because our men are not used to playing on

BUZZING AROUND

by BUSYBEE

astro-turf. After that our officials will go to Germany to negotiate with some German firm to assist us in building a stadium with astro-turf."

Darryl said: "If they build India's first astro-turf stadium in Bombay, I wonder who they will name it after."

Derek said: "Two names come easily to my mind."

I said: "I wish you would not have this attitude towards officialdom and show a little more faith in authority. As they have said, they have not left a single stone unturned to prepare our boys to play on unfamiliar conditions such as the astro-turf."

Darryl said: "The future of hockey rests on astro-turf. Those teams which will be able to cope with

it will be at the top, those who will not, will be left behind. I read that in an international hockey magazine."

Derek said: "Our officials are still sleeping. They are still employing the age-old methods of dribble-and-pass used on natural turf. Our boys have hard and tiring days ahead and they should not be blamed if they are found wanting."

Darryl said: "Instead of making them play exhibition matches on local grounds, they should have been immediately taken to countries where they could acclimatise themselves to astro-turf conditions."

I said: "I have not heard so much learned discussion on hockey even in the press-box on the Bombay Hockey Association ground."

Darryl said: "The entire system of hockey reporting needs to be overhauled. So far, not a single sports' journalist has explained to us what astro-turf is."

I said: "I have already explained to you that it is a sort of grass specially made for the German hockey team, though the Dutch think it is made for them."

Q WHY have wrestlers been excluded from India's contingent for the Montreal Olympics?

—Bhim Rao (Anantapur).

A PROBABLY because of the "in-fighting" that has been the bane of wrestling.

Q WHO do you fancy in the series between the West Indies and England?

—M. Jagadeesan (Tiruchirappalli).

A ENGLAND can't be very "hot" if they have to recall veteran like D. B. Close.

Q WHY did Michael Holding, the West Indies pace bowler, cry during the Sydney Test against Australia?

—Kanchan Kumar Chaudhury (99 A.P.O.).

A BECAUSE his appeal for a catch behind the wicket against Ian Chappell was disallowed.

Q WHO is Australia's best batsman?

—Pravin Ram Dave (Calcutta-6).

A GREG CHAPPELL.

QUESTION BOX

Q HOW many runs did G. R. Viswanath score in the second innings of the second Test against England at Manchester in 1971?

—Arun S. Singbul (Ponda, Goa).

A EIGHT not out.

Q HOW many Test wickets have been captured by Bedi, Prasanna and Chandrasekhar?

—Anant Bhaskar (Ranchi).

A BEDI has taken 168 wickets for 5,011 runs in 45 Tests, Prasanna 163 wickets for 4,823 runs in 36 Tests and Chandrasekhar 158 wickets for 4,638 runs in 37 Tests.

Q HOW many wickets have been claimed by Polly Umrigar in Test matches?

—C. G. Pratankal (Kansur, Karnataka).

A HE has claimed 35 wickets for 1,475 runs at an average of 42.14.

Q WILL you please let me have Muhammad Ali's address urgently?

—M. A. Hussain (Guntur-4).

A DO you want to challenge him next — for a chess match?

Pay, or no go

by Richard Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS! You have been chosen to represent Britain's women's basketball team in the Olympic qualifying tournament in Canada. But you will have to pay £200 before you can go!

This is no joke, but the sick reality facing the girls representing Britain in Hamilton, Ontario at the end of next month.

Nine teachers, two schoolgirls and a secretarial student form the squad. Finding £200 will not come easily to any of them and they are being forced to scrape their way to Canada, organising raffles and discos.

If they don't find the money they will not be able to go. It's as simple as that.

Athletics with a realistic touch

PATIALA:

If anybody needed proof of sensible planning with a realistic touch it was evident in the spectacular progress of the Indian athletes currently undergoing coaching at the NIS for the Montreal Olympics. The third and fourth assessment trials for the probables have proved even more exciting than the earlier ones.

Sriram Singh set the ball rolling with a brilliant 1 min 47.0 seconds effort in the 800 metres, a new national best, whilst youngster Geeta Zutshi, who is following a similar training schedule under her father and coach Ilyas Babar, set a new Indian mark for the women's 800 metres as she coasted to clock 2 mins 11.7 secs.

The real surprise, however, came from another Babar protégé, Dashrath Singh, who overhauled Asian 3000 metres steeplechase champion Harbel Singh to win the event in 8 mins 56.6 secs, and went on to chase another champion Hari Chand in the 10,000 metres. The challenge did Hari Chand much good, for in their second encounter a week later he pipped the gallant Dashrath at the tape with a time of 29 mins 13.6 secs. The latter had the consolation of finishing only a second behind Hari Chand.

According to Babar, Dashrath has the makings of an outstanding marathon runner. He would do well to emulate Shivanth who ran the gruelling 26 miles 385 yds race in 2 hrs 15 mins 57.6 secs., which



Suresh Babu . . . has improved by leaps and bounds . . . almost literally

qualifies him for participation in the Olympics

Kerala's Suresh Babu, considered by former national coach Ken Bosen as one of India's most talented athletes, has improved in leaps and bounds, almost literally so. He leapt 7.76 metres, ahead of Asian long jump champion Yohan-nan (7.54 metres), who made amends later with a season's best of 7.77 metres. Not to be outdone, Suresh Babu won the triple jump with 15.90 metres, his best ever.

Bahadur Singh, as consistent as ever, has proved that his 18-metre plus shot puts were not flashes in the pan, and in the last trials recorded throws well over the 18.50-metre mark.

The athletes' progress has been the most pleasant feature of the current season's sport in the country. The officials and coaches who put in four years of real effort to boost track and field events can justifiably take credit for doing right by Indian athletes.

The result of the AAFI election, however, did not indicate this. The energetic secretary L. R. Khanna, who played not a small role in getting Indian athletics on the mark, finds himself replaced by an old hand Col. Kirpal Singh.

It is difficult to foresee the shape of things to come now, even before the Olympics. Any changes brought about in the programme of the Indian athletes can only do harm at this stage.

—RANJIT BHATIA

K. A. Nettekallappa—RIP

BANGALORE:

THE 'Godfather' is no more. K. A. Nettekallappa, whose devotion and sincerity to the cause and promotion of sports in the country in general and Karnataka in particular, earned him friends galore, passed away here last Wednesday.

At the time of his death — he died of a heart attack at the age of 47 — Nettekallappa was the joint-secretary of the Indian Olympic Association and president of so many sports organisations in the State.

It was a rude and severe shock to sportslovers in the State and the love and respect he commanded was evident in the glowing tributes paid to him by various representatives of sports organisations at the condolence meeting organised by the Karnataka Olympic Association.

Here are some of the tributes paid to him:

Jeenabhai Davidoss (president K.O.A.): He served in the field of sports without expecting any return and shunning all publicity. J. B. Mellaradhy (former chairman, State Sports Council): He was pure in both head and heart and was a practical Karma Yogi... a gentleman to the core and a sportsman in every sense of the word.

M. Chinnaswamy (senior vice-president, Cricket Control Board): An efficient administrator and a great humanitarian. It was at his suggestion that a federation of State Sports Associations was formed and it's unfortunate that before it could start functioning, it had lost its dynamic vice-president.

A. T. Vijayarangam (hon. secretary, All India Football Federa-

tion): There was nobody in the field of sports who did not love and respect him.

Gurbux Singh (deputy director, N.I.S. South Centre): The sports atmosphere has become one with out oxygen.

Gurbux's words sound an ominous note, for sports promotion has certainly received a tremendously severe jolt in his death. Karnataka's achievements, specially in the field of athletics, shuttle badminton and weightlifting have been mainly due to the grand backing of 'Netkal,' as he was popularly known. He was the founder-president of the Deccan Athletic Club, whose athletes have earned National and International fame.

It would be pretty tough to keep Karnataka's sports flag flying unless the sports associations and their office-bearers show the same dedication, devotion and sincerity as Nettekallappa had done.

—R. ARVINDAM.

Bombay bag junior hockey title

SW Correspondent

BELGAUM:

BOMBAY are the new national junior hockey champions but it must be admitted that it was the versatility under the bar of goalkeeper Diego D'Souza that helped Bombay finish on top.

That so much praise should be heaped on an individual, particularly in a game which is so dependent on teamwork, may seem a trifle odd but that is virtually what happened in this hockey-loving city.

The pint-sized goalkeeper — he is five feet four and is quite small-made — was at his best in the quarters when Bombay beat Karnataka 10-6 via the tie-breaker. Diego D'Souza has a temperament to suit all occasions, big or small, and he surpassed everything he had done previously with a performance which swayed the title Bombaywards by standing between whatever Bihar had to offer by foiling no less than 10 scoring attempts by the Bihar attackers in the final.

Shots were hurled at him from all angles and from all directions but whether they came from the right, left or centre, the Bombay



The Bombay junior hockey team with coach Naqvi, fourth from right

goalkeeper used his pads or his stick with such skill and confidence that he seldom let anything past him. While this junior national may be forgotten in a short time, that spectacular performance will remain long in the memory of those who watched it at the Shivaji Stadium.

The two teams, besides Bombay, which improved with every outing were Bihar with their brilliant set of forwards and Uttar Pradesh. Bihar played true to form in almost all their matches, barring the one against Delhi in the quarters,

which, however, they won 1-0. Incidentally, one of the only two hat-tricks in the championship was by their centre-forward Allen Kareketa. The other was scored by Karnataka's inside-left Girish.

Uttar Pradesh with a good attack and defence were trained by K. N. Sharma, a NIS coach. Their forward line, in particular, built around the skill of inside-right Mohinder Singh, was superb but they fell to the formidable Services (2-3) in their concluding outing. Uttar Pradesh won the Junior Nehru Memorial Hockey tourna-

Team-work the key, says Peter

V. J. PETER is a man with wide experience of international hockey, having donned India colours at the Rome (1960), Tokyo (1964) and Mexico (1968) Olympics. As the chairman of the junior selection committee, he watched the matches at Belgaum with more than the usual interest that he always displays at a hockey match.

"There are several promising youngsters who have impressed me," he said, speaking about the junior national. "I have little doubt that with proper coaching and instruction, they could be moulded into great players."

"Of the teams, Bihar seemed the most improved lot. Considering that most of their players are tribal adolescents who have had to overcome the handicap of inadequate facilities, they put up a good show and will no doubt contribute to Indian hockey in future."

This is Olympic year—and the talk inevitably turned to Montreal. "Our chances depend a great deal on whether the boys play as a team. That's very essential, for today, you can't do much individually."

"The team is in competent hands, but my only advice would be to maintain strict discipline. Team-work off the field and co-ordination on it should be our watch-ward. It goes without saying of course, that we must field the best combination available. I personally feel that the selection of the team should always be left to the coach and the captain. The manager's primary task is to see to the welfare of the players. He must ensure that their comforts are not neglected."

Peter's observations on the ways and means to improve the standard of the game in this country are thought-provoking. "We could do with

some improvement in the area of stamina and fitness. Also, a competition on zonal lines must be introduced and stress should be laid on improving speed, stamina and basic skills

"A batch of youngsters must be selected for intensive training at the NIS — but, they must not be forgotten after the camp is held. Instead, a careful record of their progress should be maintained and the frequency of these training sessions gradually increased. That will enable us to develop a second-string so that ready replacements are always available."

"More attention must be paid to goalkeeping. Only one goalkeeper can train another effectively — so the services of illustrious former goalkeepers — and we've had many — must be requisitioned."

—S. A. S. NAQVI.

ment beating Bihar and also won the junior national schools title beating Punjab. A most promising but unlucky team which was eliminated on what happened to be one of those days when nothing went right for them.

In contrast to Bihar, Bombay began their campaign in the championship by losing their very first match to Rural XI by a two-goal margin and were on the verge of not making the knockout stage. But Rural XI came to Bombay's rescue by defeating Hyderabad in the key concluding league match.

In the league-phase itself, Bombay did fairly well, in that they defeated Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and drew with Hyderabad. From then on the S. A. Naqvi-trained Bombay team went from strength to strength, beat hot favourites Karnataka 10-6 via the tie-breaker in the quarters and Services 2-0 in the semi-final.

Despite all the checks and counter-checks, a complaint was voiced by several managers and coaches that some of the teams fielded over-age players (the limit is 18 years).

One of the coaches (who must necessarily remain anonymous) went a point further and said that some of the junior teams were openly flouting a rule laid down by the Indian Hockey Federation



Diego the daring . . . Bombay's gallant goalkeeper

that juniors who have already participated in senior tournaments are debarred from taking part in the junior championship. He was bitter about this particularly when his team lost in the earlier rounds. He said he had kept back four of his

best boys because of the IHF ruling.

An ominous trend noticed in this championship was the habit of quite a few players, almost every team had one or two such, to strike deliberately at their opponents rather than the ball, and so there was a profusion of (warning) green and yellow (temporary suspension) cards in operation in almost all matches. But there was only one case of a red card (sent to the dressing room).

Another tendency noticed was that players took an almost casual and disinterested approach to the game once they were out of the running from their respective pools. This tendency should be curbed with an iron hand. In fact, it was precisely because of this that Bombay were nearly eliminated.

Tongues naturally wag and I heard quite a few spectators within my hearing distance saying that there was a conspiracy to keep Bombay out. This was before the vital Hyderabad-Rural XI match. Had Hyderabad drawn or Rural XI lost Bombay would have been out. That did not happen fortunately for Bombay as Rural XI won. But this sort of "not playing the game" (which of course is terribly hard to prove) needs close looking into for the betterment of sport.

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Unjustified criticism

READER ASHOK PURI is not justified in criticising the Squash Rackets Association of India for having sent a team to England knowing that it would be withdrawn because of South Africa's participation. To allow India, Pakistan and Kuwait to take part, SA was debarred from the team events and only after this was confirmed was the team given clearance.

The controversy arose in the individual events. The Indian players were instructed not to turn up for their matches if they came up against SA players and this happened only in the case of Fali Madon (all the other Indians played their matches).

The draw for the individual events took place after the team event had commenced and there was no way for the Indian team to have known of SA's entry in the individual event before it left our shores. There is no question of our officials holding the fact from the Government.

—Sunil Chainani (Bombay).

I FAIL to understand why the Indians withdrew from the individual events of the World Amateur Squash championships which recently concluded in England. The individual is an open event, where any person can take part subject to qualifying.

No player, as such, represents his country and though a person may be from South Africa, he does not play for South Africa in the individual events, but only for himself. The same thing happens in tournaments like Wimbledon and other tennis championships the world over. Yet, we have never raised any hue and cry when say, Vijay Amritraj plays against Cliff Drysdale or Ray Moore, playing in their personal capacity. Similarly, we allow Bishen Bedi and Farokh Engineer to rub shoulders with individual South Africans on the county cricket circuit. Why then were the squash players penalised? Why was Fali Madon not allowed to play the individual events against a South African who was not, at that moment, a representative of his country? Why do we adopt these double standards?

—Abbas Ali (Guntur).

The 'Goulden' path

MRS. INNES (nee Shane Gould) will earn the deep respect of all those who value an unspoilt personality above the maddening sporting rat-race. To reach the top in the manner she did at such a tender age and then to renounce all the glory and the honour in order to retain the simple and chaste virtues of life requires ascetic qualities.

The lure of glamour, wealth and more important, the anxiety neurosis which goads champions to cling to the corridors of the hall of fame are not all that important in life. Shane Gould as a champion swimmer inspired millions all over the world. Now, I hope her compassion for the fundamental values of living brings solace to many, many more.

—Ms. Swatimalaya Mukherjee (Durgapur).

English hypocrisy

NOW that Michael Holding has been rendered hors de combat for possibly the entire series, the whole of England will breathe a sigh of relief. The English press was really at pains to express concern over what it called the "bumper war." Even venerable players-turned-scribes like Jim Laker and Denis Compton added their voices to the chorus. I for one, however, wonder how genuine is this newfound concern of the Englishmen. Will it last only until England have been able to unearth another Trueman and Tyson? Will the scribes forget all about intimidation once England find themselves in a position to give as good as they get? To me, this present concern in the English press is nothing but hypocrisy.

—Z. Mistry (Bombay).

I AGREE fully with the views expressed by reader J. P. Pocha (May 23). Any fast bowler who cannot dismiss an opposition tailender by legitimate means and resorts to intimidatory tactics to get him out is not worth his place in the side. He is not a hero, but a coward. We could do without such men in cricket.

—Digambrik Singh (Ferozpur).

THE English selectors' decision to recall 45-year-old Brian Close for the Test against the West Indies is ridiculous. They have gone one better than last year's 'performance' when they resurrected the 42-year-old Colin Cowdrey for the tour of Australia. Perhaps next year we'll find a 50-year-old in the team!

—Mohan Palat (Coimbatore).

O! for a breath of fresh AIR!

THE sports service of All India Radio was started with the objective of popularising sport. What a pity, then, that it has not attained that worthy goal. It is broadcast simultaneously from Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras — all metropolitan cities where there are ample facilities to watch and play games. But what about the other areas where one has neither the facility to play nor the opportunity to watch? One longs to listen, at least, but this too is made impossible by the haphazard manner in which the sports service is broadcast.

When it originally started from the four main stations, it was hoped that it would later be extended to all other stations as well, so that in due course, every nook and corner of the country would be covered. This has not happened.

Moreover, the timings, from 4.15 to 5.50 p.m. are also not right. Is there no one who will take up the cause of sports lovers and fight for the improvement of AIR's sports service?

—N. R. Padmanabhan (Bombay).

IN view of the forthcoming series against New Zealand and England, I have a suggestion for All India Radio: why don't they record the running commentary on the Test matches during the day and then relay that during the night as was done for the last series against the West Indies? This will help in maintaining efficiency in offices, schools and colleges. Will AIR give a thought to this suggestion?

—G. Venkateswara Rao, M. Kherdekar (Mysore).

Greig did right

I THINK Tony Greig did the right thing by refusing to place his business interests above his cricket (May 30). He certainly did credit to himself and to England. It is good to know that he has enough sense to recognise that cricket has done him much good. It has improved his image in the eyes of many in this country.

—Rajiv Dhawan (New Delhi).

Congrats, IA

I WAS extremely happy to read the 'Calling hockey players' in SW (23rd May) for Indian Airlines. It's really praiseworthy. Similar sportive gestures from both public and private sectors will surely take India high on the sports map of the world.

—Soumya Misra (Nowrangpur, Orissa).



Empery ridden by Lester Piggott winning the Epsom Derby, with Relkino (centre) second and Oats, third from left, third. Inset: Piggott and Empery

Piggott: how I won my seventh Derby

THE smile—worth nearly £10,000 for less than three minutes' work—said everything.

Lester Piggott was back on top — once more the undisputed King of Epsom.

Empery was his seventh Derby winner . . . his 22nd success in English classics. And he had achieved it without having to fulfill his pre Derby prediction that he would "need a gun to stop Wollow from winning."

"Honest, I didn't touch him! Wollow just never got near me and I knew quite a way out that he was done for. I don't know what went wrong. Perhaps he didn't get the trip after all, or it might just have been an 'off' day.

"Whatever went wrong I feel sorry for his trainer. Oh God! All that work and worry and then there's nothing at the end of it.

"That's the kind of thing I will have to face some day, and I don't fancy it very much."

Piggott, at the end of an arduous afternoon smart and dapper in a grey-blue check suit, signed his umpteenth autograph and gave me a wicked nudge with his elbow.

"That wasn't bad for a 40-year-old was it — winning a Derby and

chatting to the Queen? Every time you see me you ask me when I'm going to pack it all in. Haven't you had enough?"

He has a point of course. Every racing journalist would like to be in first with the "Lester retires" story because that kind of a beat comes only once in a lifetime.

But English racing will be poorer for the loss of the kind of skill which made Empery a very hot property indeed.

"I've ridden better Derby winners, certainly, but I don't think I've been on an easier one, though I still rate Sir Ivor as the best ever.

"I thought Empery was just a good sort but he did everything so well that I've got to admit he's better than most of us thought.

"He came out of the stalls beautifully and I never had any trouble keeping him in the first six or seven all the way. Mainly, I tracked Illustrious Prince and Vitiges, but I knew I had everything in front of me beaten.

"Obviously, the one I was keeping an eye on was Wollow, but that was hard because he was always behind. Empery came down

Tattenham Corner in great style and, as we straightened up for home and started to climb the hill, I had my last look.

"Dettori wasn't getting anywhere and there was obviously no burst to come from Wollow, the one thing I had feared. I knew I had it all sewn up. I sent Empery after Relkino and my horse did it all in a few strides."

Empery's owner, Texan oil millionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt, was thousands of miles away in Dallas, celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary, and Lester reckons he missed the thrill of a lifetime.

"When I jumped off Empery my first words to racing manager Jim Shannon were: 'Look what Bunker's missed. He spent a hell of a lot of cash boosting racing in Europe and he isn't there when it all pays off.

"Maybe I can do it again for him another year."

Derby Day was Piggott's Day. And while it was sad to see Wollow crash, the huge crowd rejoiced in the fact that Britain's favourite racing son was back where he belonged . . . on top.

—DOUGLAS JACKSON



by RAILBIRD

A RISTOCRACY, Imphal and Regency Gold. These are the three names which crop up most when racing men get down to discuss the 1,600 metres Fillies Trial Stakes. That is how it should be because these three have the best credentials for the first Classic of the Bangalore Summer Meeting and are the ones most likely to dominate the finish when the race is run on Sunday, June 13.

Aristocracy (Lord Jim - Rose Royal) is the winner of her last five races from seven starts and the latest of her triumphs was gained without working up a sweat in Class Three. Imphal (Landigou-Isis) is full sister to the well-performed Ibiza and after losing her first race she has reeled off three races in a row, her final triumph having found her a place in Class Three and Regency Gold (Glory of Andhra-Equity), a half-sister to that brilliant mare Noble Princess, has won three times from four outings. Her last two victories were during the current season and she also has been put up to Class Three.

While Aristocracy and Regency Gold have both won over the Trial distance Imphal has never gone beyond 1,200 metres. However, there is no doubt that she will see out the trip. In fact, her win in Bangalore was something of a sensation.

She was so badly placed in the short straight while King of Seers and Fine 'N' Dandy were disputing the issue that she did not merit a chance. She responded remarkably well to Jagdish's urgings, stretched out in a phenomenal manner and snatched a neck victory from Fine 'N' Dandy on the post. This was a truly excellent performance and it is evident that she has tremendous potential.

Imphal has never been in the same race as the other two who clashed in the 1,200 metres K. Srinivasan Memorial Cup in Madras. On that occasion Aristocracy scored more ably than the official neck verdict over Regency Gold when both were at level weight. They will all carry 54 kilos in the Trial and as it cannot be said that Regency Gold's rate of development has been faster than that of Aristocracy there is no reason to believe that Aristocracy cannot beat

The Big Three

her again. In fact, Aristocracy, who has the highest rating of the three, will be favoured most by the terms and this column expects to see her win from Imphal.

While the picture which has emerged of the Fillies Trial has been what was generally anticipated that of the Colts Trial has been drastically transformed. Only Squanderer from amongst Byramji's highly rated trio has come through with distinction, War Cry having fallen by the wayside and Midsummer Star having lost friends by his laboured narrow victory.

Similarly, Abebe Bikila did not live up to his Winter reputation when being hard-ridden to beat so moderate a horse as Lotus Prince. On the other hand, Wide Awake has come up with two smart victories in good time in Class Three and Serengeti has risen in everyone's estimation with a similar number of wins. Both are now in Class Two and Squanderer has been promoted to Class Three. Much will depend on their continued development.

This column was not satisfied with L. Marshall's handling of Dauntless when he missed the board in the 1,600 metres Gubbi Cup which was won by Cherry Lass, who carried the same colours and also the money of her connections. The authorities questioned Marshall and his explanation that the horse tore away from the field which he does even during track work and he had difficulty in riding him in check was recorded for future reference.

That record should now be referred to as Karansingh had Dauntless very much in check and the

colt made his bid in the 1,600 metres Kolar Cup even after Squanderer had hit the front. Again, when Dauntless won over 1,600 metres in Bombay Budhsingh had him in mid-division till nearing the home turn. The evidence is very much against Marshall, especially as his record shows that he is not an incompetent rider!

Similarly, when Masterpiece trounced maiden opposition in the 1,400 metres Venur Plate one could not reconcile this performance to his earlier showing against Tre-lawne, who, like Cherry Lass, had carried the connections' money. This disparity is so glaring that it should also be the subject of enquiry.

Masterpiece can clearly win again and Dauntless can be made a good thing of when he runs in his own class. Medalist, Reprint and Village Belle can be marked down in your notebook as early winners and stand up and cheer for Young Cavalier, who carried 66 kilos (10 stone, 5 pounds) to a thrilling head victory over Sea Shells in the 1,200 metres Ashwapriya Cup.

Ooty's biggest and best season has ended. There were 93 races in the 15-day meeting and 11 trainers saddled 203 runners. M. A. M. Ramaswamy was the leading owner (Rs. 1,03,400), R. R. Reddy was the champion trainer with 28 wins and S. Reddy and Poonecha shared the riding honours with 14 wins each. Riddle, a colt by Whistling Glory-Sparkling Water who had started the season with one win from three starts in Madras, claimed three races in a row and was the champion horse with earnings of Rs 44,000. He is an entry for the Bangalore Classics.



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THE injury to star centre-forward B. P. Govinda in an exhibition match against Spain in Paris could bring about a setback to our 'golden' hopes in the Montreal Olympics. The India vice-captain is the spearhead of the attack and virtually indispensable to the side. Without this speedy attacker, India's chances of adding the Olympic crown to the world title would be considerably reduced — which makes it even more imperative that the IHF does everything within its power to ensure "Govinda's" quick recovery. An injury to the collar-bone can be serious and even with the best of medical treatment, it is uncertain whether the injury will heal quickly.

At the risk of being accused of trying to be wise after the event, we feel compelled to question the IHF's wisdom in cramming in matches within the short span of days. While we do not dispute the fact that acclimatisation and adaptation, especially to the new astro-turf, is essential and that the IHF deserves a pat on the back for having had the foresight to arrange for such acclimatisation, nevertheless it hardly seems right that the team should be put through this strenuous schedule of matches which, apart from subjecting our players to the risk of fatigue, also exposes them to the dangers of injury.

These thoughts had indeed crossed our minds when the team was about to depart, but we then thought it prudent to lock such "blasphemous" thoughts within the confines of our mental chambers, for fear of attracting the label "over-critical." Now, however, it would be a dereliction of duty if we did not voice our concern at what appears to be the IHF's over-anxiety—albeit good-intentioned—to see that the team does not suffer for want of acclimatisation.

While we realise that such concern is too late to mend matters, we trust that the IHF and other associations will, in future, temper their enthusiasm with discretion and take into account the 'risk factor' whilst finalising plans for any campaign abroad. For the moment, we can only pray that the cost is not too high and that we will not have to pay for this indiscretion.

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THE All India Football Federation has been such a sick, impotent body for so long now that the bold decisions taken at the annual general meeting of the Federation in Darjeeling comes as a breath of fresh air, which we hope will gather force and become a gust, sweeping away the cobwebs that have for too long cluttered it up.

Most heartening is the decision to restrict the participation of teams to only four out-of-state tournaments, a badly-needed regulation for which our football correspondent, Sharp-Shooter has been campaigning incessantly for many years.

The fact that the new president Nurul Amin and the secretary A. T. Vijayarangam were able

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COVER: No talkative Test captain has ever had his words — "I want to make the West Indians grovel"—thrust more comprehensively down his throat ... Tony Greig bowled Roberts for a duck at Trent Bridge. Pic: Sporting Pictures (UK) Ltd.

to muster enough support to overcome the opposition to these measures that must undoubtedly have been put up by those having a vested interest, gives rise to the hope that an era of enlightened management will now dawn on Indian football.

It is a matter of immense gratification to us at SPORTSWEEK that our call for a trust fund for needy sportsmen has found an echo in the right quarters. The AIFF deserves congratulations for deciding to funnel the receipts from its new tournament — the Federation Cup in which 16 of the country's crack outfits will figure — into a players' benevolent fund. Besides, coaching, 'mobilisation of talent' and the spreading of the game in the rural areas have also received the importance they merit.

The decision to curb the evil of multiple replays has not come a day too soon. In fact, most of the matters decided at Darjeeling should have been introduced years ago and the fact that they weren't provides a most telling commentary on the gutlessness of the past management of the AIFF.

Our wholehearted commendation of the steps taken by the AIFF are, however, voiced with one reservation. These decisions, important though they are, are still only scraps of paper, just pious sentiments. All too often in the past, such grandiose schemes as the AIFF now envisages have remained unimplemented, gathering dust on association shelves. Will that old, familiar tale be repeated this time? Has the AIFF bitten off more than it can chew? For the sake of Indian soccer, we hope not.

The implementation of the far-reaching decisions taken at Darjeeling will call for a lot of guts, imagination, persuasion, perhaps occasionally even harshness and penalties. It will by no means be an easy task ... and the AIFF has SPORTSWEEK's good wishes in its honest endeavours. But we shall not be sparing of the acid if our — and millions of soccer-lovers' — hopes are belied.

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GREIG'S GAMBLE

JOHN THICKNESSE
on the First Test

THERE were enough rough patches in relevant places on the Trent Bridge pitch for West Indies to have had a fine chance of winning the first Test had they fielded a couple of good spinners to exploit them.

That was the opinion of two experienced old cricketers who examined the pitch before the last day's play: and a ball Derek Underwood bowled the previous evening bore it out. It turned and bounced so much that Alan Knott had to stretch to reach it.

I mention the state of the pitch in order to make a distinction between the draw England achieved here and the three against Australia 12 months ago on pitches that lost any semblance of malice from about lunch-time on the opening day.

Superficially, it looked as though the Trent Bridge groundsmen, Ron Allsopp, might have gone as far as he dared to protect England from the enemy's fast bowlers — which at certain grounds seemed to be what happened when Thomson and Lillee were in England last year.

But because of those dust-spots, which should always appear ideally in the later stages of a five-day match to bring the spinners into play, Allsopp had no case to answer.

Indeed, it's possible that if England had been bowling last, with scores of 494 and 176 for five behind them, he might have been credited with a text-book pitch — with Underwood five or six wickets nearer beating Gibbs' record!

However, after hearing what Tony Greig had to say at the press conference he held when the match was over, I'm pessimistic about England's chances in the remainder of the series.

Looking ahead, it seems to me that England should cater for possible defeat in the third Test, at Old Trafford, where the bounce is no more reliable this season than it has been for years. If that is right, and Roberts and Holding are both fit, Greig's batsmen are in for it, no error.

But Greig has a dangerous notion in his head, based on MCC's last tour in the Caribbean, that England have only to hold them for another Test or two for West Indies to lose heart and chuck away the series, as they did in Port of Spain two years ago. Well, that's left to be seen.



David Steele drives straight on way to his century.

FIRST TEST SECOND DAY

PAT GIBSON reports:

ENGLAND began the third day facing a massive West Indies total of 494. And questions just had to be asked.

WHY, for instance, did Tony Greig, a captain who has built his reputation on attacking qualities, set out to contain rather than intimidate?

WHY did Derek Underwood, a bowler with 202 Test wickets behind him, not get on until the coreboard was showing 235 for two?

WHY, when Vivian Richards was coring 232 and sharing a third wicket stand of 303 with Alvin Kallicharran, was Brian Close, a renowned partnership-breaker, not given a single over against a bats-

man who was his Somerset apprentice?

No doubt Greig has his reasons. But he will have to do something pretty remarkable to preserve his erstwhile reputation as the Messiah.

Bad light offered them a merciful reprieve from the perils of fac-

The report of the first day's play appeared last week

ing the pace of Andy Roberts, Wayne Daniel and company for an uncomfortable night.

Instead, Edrich had just one over from Roberts to survive. He did—and his hasty departure after blocking the last delivery was an unspoken comment on what he thought about going out to bat in the gloom at 6.25.

Now England begin the immediate task of scoring 295 to avoid the follow-on.

It was 2.35 in the afternoon when Richards, having recovered over lunch from an attack of cramp,

went booming past his 200 with 44-4-2 off John Snow and 64-4-2 off Underwood to send England deeper into the trenches.

Mike Hendrick and Greig himself were the men on the pavilion fence. Richards fired again and just cleared Hendrick at long-on. He fired once more and the bullet strayed, and Greig at long-off jubilantly took the catch down by his left knee.

At 97 Kallicharran tried to drive Underwood and edged a swirling catch to David Steele at backward point. The pressure had beaten him.

Clive Lloyd went next, impatiently lifting Underwood to wide long-on where Hendrick clung to a marvellous catch though the force of it knocked him over.

Next young Larry Gomes popped his second ball straight into the hands of Close, one of two short legs, and joined a distinguished company who have started their Test career with a duck.

Underwood had taken four for



England players Greig, Underwood, Hendrick and Brearley congratulate Edrich after he had caught Greenidge off Hendrick in the first innings.



Bob Woolmer departs . . . lbw Julien for 82 in the first innings. West Indian fieldsmen are Richards, Greenidge and Gomes

12 in five overs and England at last were making things happen.

Old went on to get his belated reward for a lot of honest endeavour and Bernard Julien, the first of his three victims, presented Alan Knott with his 200th Test catch.

THIRD DAY DENIS COMPTON reports :

DAVID STEELE, you silver-haired beauty! At last he has hit his maiden Test century which he has so richly deserved since being brought into the side last summer against the Australians. At 6.20 this evening he crashed Andy Roberts to the square leg boundary to reach his 100. The Trent Bridge crowd erupted.

Yes, even the West Indies supporters stood up and acclaimed the man who had thwarted their team and salvaged England's pride.

What a model of consistency his seventh Test innings has been. His scores so far read 50, 45, 73, 92, 39, 66 and now 105 not out.

He and Bob Woolmer have taken England to 221—3 and comparative safety. They now need only 74 to save the follow-on and once this has been achieved then defeat should be out of the question.

I cannot praise Steele enough. He loves a fight and his "head down and get me out if you can" attitude should be an inspiration to all cricketers.

He may not have grace and elegance at the wicket — but this can easily be forgiven when it is realised what a gutsy player he is.

England made a disastrous start when Mike Brearley was out to the fourth ball of the day. Bernard Julien's two previous deliveries had been in-swingers and then he shrewdly bowled the next one which went across Brearley's body.

Brearley fell for it and followed the ball without getting in line.

He edged it to Viv Richards at third slip and the catch was taken at the second attempt. So Brearley joined Middlesex teammate Larry Gomes in failing to score in his first Test.

The determination of 34-year-old Steele was desperately needed and he did not fail. He stood firm against the early menacing pace of Andy Roberts and the swing of Julien. The only occasion he looked vulnerable was when he went for the hook stroke early on. Twice he lofted the ball perilously close to square leg, fielding about 20 yards from the bat.

John Edrich was in his most stubborn mood although, when he had scored six, Alvin Kallicharran put down a difficult chance at first slip off Julien.

These two slowly, yet with an air of assurance, began to retrieve the situation. The fear of Roberts and Van Holder's pace began to wane and soon they were unable to make the batsmen hurry their



Alvin Kallicharran examines Chris Old's hand after the England pace bowler took a nasty knock... Old retired but returned to help England avert the follow-on

shots on this easy paced, but perfectly good wicket.

At lunch this pair had taken the score to 68 without further loss.

But there were shocks after the interval and 20-year-old Wayne Daniel, was responsible for them. He managed to get Edrich to play an involuntary dab outside the off stump and Deryck Murray took a comfortable catch. Once again Edrich had played an innings of real guts. He has now made 5,000 runs in Tests.

Brian Close, the 45-year-old veteran came to the wicket amid applause which must have warmed the cockles of his heart. It was an appreciation of his splendid contribution to English cricket over 26 years.

There could not have been an Englishman present who had not got his fingers crossed for him. Sadly it was not to be. He was dropped at slip with his first ball by Gordon Greenidge.

After this one felt that perhaps

it was really going to be his day — would he be able to capitalise on his wonderful piece of luck? He clipped Julien for a couple down to fine leg, but that sadly was his lot.

Daniel, bowling two yards faster since dismissing Edrich, brought about his downfall. Close went to drive off the back foot to a full length ball only to edge another catch to Murray.

I thought skipper Tony Greig made a mistake putting Close in at No. 4. Surely it would have been fairer to have given the veteran the No. 6 berth when possibly the pace bowlers would be less hostile.

Greig has not exactly covered himself in glory so far. His strange insistence on a defensive field on Thursday after losing the toss, was difficult to comprehend, as was his decision not to bring on Derek Underwood, our most successful bowler until the score had reached 235.

Woolmer, after a nervous start, settled down admirably and began

to look a fine player. He and Steele began playing with much more aggression and the West Indies bowlers did not appear to be quite so enthusiastic to get at the batsmen.

The 50 partnership came up with ever increasing confidence from these two. Woolmer played a magnificent hook stroke off Julien to the square leg boundary just to remind the bowler that this shot was in his repertoire.

Steele also stood up to square cut Roberts gloriously past cover to the ropes. Woolmer reached his 50 with a scorching back-foot drive off Gomes.

Rest day reflections

by PAT GIBSON

OLD Steeley — or perhaps it ought to be Young Steeley in the present company — has done it again.

Now England should get what they were looking for in the first Test at Trent Bridge. A draw.

Two lessons have emerged from the first three days of this intriguing series. First, that West Indian batsmen, however gifted, do react adversely under pressure.

Second, and equally important, if we are to think in terms of actually beating them, that good county batsmen with the right character and temperament can flourish on the quality of pitch you expect to get in a Test match.

Look at Steele A stopgap, they said, even in his native Staffordshire, when he was summoned from the nowhereland of Northants to take on the Australians.

A flash in the pan, they said, when he reeled off successive scores of 50, 45, 73, 92, 39 and 66 to finish the series with a Test average of 60.83.

What can they say now? A maiden Test century, begun with England in peril and completed, not with pushes and deflections, but by driving Wayne Daniel, hooking Andy Roberts, and waving his cap like a master showman.

Look at Woolmer, No. 9 for Kent not so long ago. Insufficient class for Test cricket?

He faced the second crisis after Daniel had broken through the old guard of John Edrich and Brian Close and batted like a young Cowdrey.

As with Steele, so with Woolmer. Test cricket has revealed depths of talent previously unsuspected.

With all the respect to Close and others like Ray Illingworth, whose name has been mentioned in Greig's great revival crusade, there

must be others who have got to be given their chance at an earlier age.

Otherwise there will never be any kind of progress; just temporary answers to eternal problems.

And talking of eternal problems, what about this Trent Bridge pitch? Who says that we cannot prepare good wickets in England any more?

Ron Allsopp, whose first Test pitch it is after taking over when Frank Dalling fell ill, has nailed

that one by producing a wicket that offers something for everyone.

There has been early bounce for the fast bowlers. The ball has come through on to the bat for the stroke players. And now there will be increasing turn especially at the pavilion-end where one or two spots are appearing.

More pitches of this quality and two major headaches—the apprehension of so many young batsmen and the shortage of spin bowlers — would swiftly disappear.

England had been all out for 294 needing one run to avoid the follow-on.

That they did not was mainly due to Chris Old, a Yorkshireman like Robin Hood, who became the hero of Nottingham by rescuing England from that particular precipice.

If that sounds like an over-dramatisation I make no apology. Because until the West Indies suddenly woke up in the last half hour to the fact that this first Test could still be won, Old's shots were all that seemed to matter.

And adding to the confusion were the interminable interruptions. If it wasn't spectators moving behind the arm it was pigeons holding up play. If batsmen were not trying to contact the seemingly disinterested dressing room the umpires were in earnest conversation over something or other.

At the end of it all the West Indies led by 286 with seven wickets in hand so England are still not out of the forest.

But all hope would probably have gone by now if it had not been for Old who retired hurt after

FOURTH DAY

PAT GIBSON reports:

WHAT a strange, baffling fourth day. They even got the England score wrong.

It was bad enough that David Steele's epic six-and-a-quarter hour resistance should end when he had added only one run to his overnight 105. He hooked impulsively at Wayne Daniel and was caught at long leg.

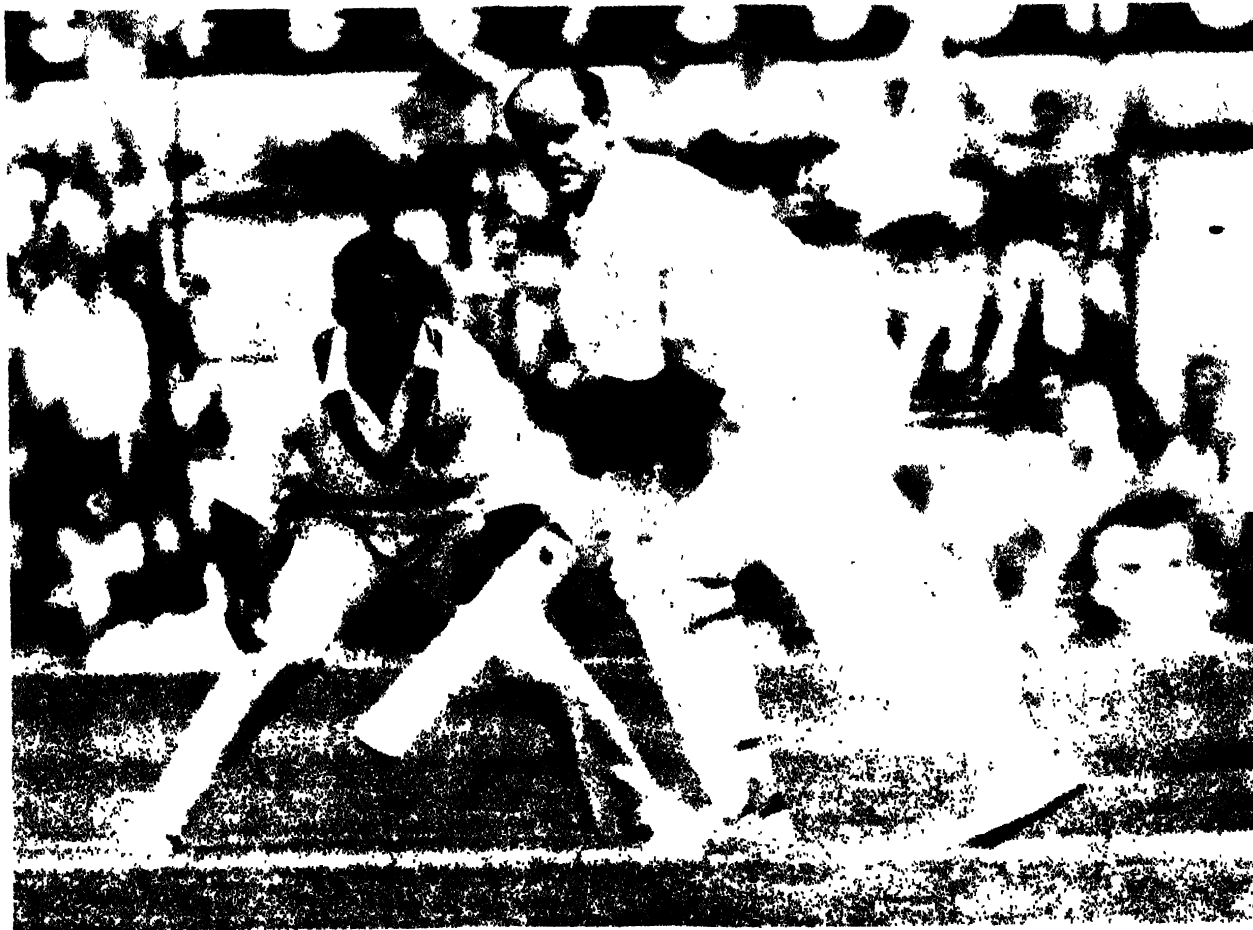
Even worse was that it was the seventh ball of the over and, ap-

parently, a miscalculation by umpire Harold Bird.

Only when the crowds had gone home was it revealed that Bird had earlier signalled a wide, unnoticed by anyone on the ground, including the scorers.

So an official correction was announced, and England's total advanced from 332 to 333. It was only of academic interest, of course, but think of the uproar if

Veteran Brian Close steering England to a draw on the final day . . . watching him is Collis King (substitute)



being hit by an Andy Roberts special on a morning of England misery.

You would have thought Tony Greig had a curse on him as his side lost five wickets chipping away 58 runs from the follow-on figure of 295.

Greig's "I intend to make them grovel" declaration rebounded savagely on him. Roberts had clearly been waiting. He bowled better and faster than at any time in the innings.

Three times Greig was beaten. Then, on his seventh ball he was destroyed by pace and movement and over went his off stump.

Alan Knott and Bob Woolmer soon followed and it looked as if the worst was about to happen.

This was Old's moment. Ice treatment over lunch eased the pain from the bruised and swelling forearm and he was ready to resume the battle.

Sixteen runs were required. Just two wickets were left. And the bookies were offering 5-4 on England having to follow on.

Together Old and Snow boldly put bat to ball. Eventually Old drove and cut Julien to take England to 294 and Snow took a single to ensure the West Indies would bat again.

Daniel finally hit Old's middle stump and freed him for a precautionary X-ray. But he had no way of knowing whether any bones were broken while scoring his crucial 33 runs.

FIFTH DAY

PAT GIBSON

reports:

A STEEL band played a calypso and a tribe of black and white minstrels sang something that went "Amen, Amen" as the first Test was laid to rest.

What began as an intriguing contest that drew 56,000 spectators died several hours short of its allotted span.

Since a draw was obviously the limit of England's ambition from the moment they picked their team, it was ironic that it was the West Indian selection that finally sentenced the match to stalemate.

I shudder to think what Lance Gibbs, the world record wicket taker, thought in far away Guyana when he heard that his country were trying to bowl out England without a recognised spinner.

Gibbs was strangely omitted



David Steele, England's hero of the first innings, pauses to wipe his brow, during his century innings
Pics: Sporting Pictures (UK) Ltd.

from this tour. His off-spin apprentice Albert Padmore pulled a muscle.

And Raphick Jumadeen, the slow left armer, was not considered to have bowled well enough in the early matches.

So the three-quarters of an hour of spin we saw came from Bernard Julien, reverting to slow left arm, Roy Fredericks and Viv Richards. Then, after tea, Alvin Kallicharran bowled leg breaks.

It was difficult to see how much the ball was turning since not too many deliveries hit the pitch. As one Caribbean visitor, eyes popping, told me sadly: "It's a joke, man."

Yet no one was laughing. Not for a moment did the phlegmatic John Edrich or the poker-faced Brian Close relax their concentration in a partnership that began 15 minutes before lunch with England in peril at 55 for two and remained unbroken.

By then the two veterans—Close is 45, Edrich will be 39 this month—had put on 101 in three and a quarter hours and the once-bristling West Indian fast bowlers looked bored to tears... as did just about everyone else.

As for Close, he recovered from his first innings disaster to make 36 and one doesn't know whether he will survive to play at Lord's.

Suffice to say that he did his job. For England were still in danger when Clive Lloyd set them

339 to win — or more accurately five and a quarter hours to survive.

Mike Brearley failed again, following a fine delivery from Van Holder that cut away off the pitch to give the wicketkeeper a straight-forward catch.

Forty minutes and 17 runs later David Steele, for all his patience and determination is a compulsive hooker and fell to that most dangerous of strokes for the second time in the match.

Close came in and again the old reflexes did not look so sharp against pacemen.

Still he survived and the danger now is that they will stick to the same team.

I believe it is too defensive and I look for a more positive approach from Tony Greig, whose leadership is inspirational rather than tactical.

Greig said afterwards: "I didn't expect Clive Lloyd to set us a target we could have got. Test matches aren't played like that."

Lloyd said: "I don't think we did too badly by packing the side with pace bowlers and I certainly don't regret not having a spinner."

The scores:

West Indies 494 (Richards 232, Kallicharran 97, Underwood 4 for 82, Old 3 for 80) and 176 for 5 decl. (Richards 63, Snow 4 for 53).

England 333 (Steele 106, Woolmer 82, Daniel 4 for 53) and 156 for 2 (Edrich 76 not out).

From Down Under

Thirsting for revenge

THE Australian women cricket team is now on a tour of England.

The team is in England to play three 'Tests' and a one-day game to celebrate the golden jubilee of the English Women's Cricket Association.

A party of 15 women (six from Victoria, five from NSW, three from South Australia and one from Western Australia) is captained by slender, blue-eyed Anne Gordon of Victoria. The manager is Mrs. Lorna Thomas.

Australia are thirsting for re-

venge, can forget women's two contributions to cricket.

It was a woman, Christina Willes, who introduced overarm bowling about 1807. When bowling to her brother, she accidentally used a roundarm delivery as her wide crinoline skirt prevented her from bowling in the then orthodox underarm fashion. Many years elapsed before this style was officially accepted in first-class cricket.

Again women first thought of organising a World Cup of cricket. When men pointed to the enormous, unsurmountable difficulties, women arranged for a World Cup without much fuss in 1973 — two years before the mere males caught up.

Tour itinerary: First Test at Old Trafford, June 19, 20, 21; Second Test at Edgbaston, July 3, 4, 5.



The Australian and England women's cricket team captains Anne Gordon (left) and Rachel Heyhoe Flint at Lord's. Below: Another Thommo . . . pace bowler Raelee Thompson

venge. During their English tour of 1973 — the year of the women's World Cup, Australia had beaten all the sides (New Zealand, different countries making up the West Indies and an International XI) but lost to England in the final.

Captain Anne Gordon, like other women cricketers, has difficulty in convincing people that women cricketers are neither tall, bulky Amazons nor "nutty oddballs."

She jokingly told Wendy Cross of "Australian Women's Weekly" (part sponsors of the tour): "I don't tell many people I play cricket because they expect me to tear up phone books for breakfast!"

No man, however chauvinistic he



Third Test at the Oval, July 24, 26, 27. One-day game at Trent Bridge, August 8.

Greig goes kangaroo-tail pulling again

THERE is a strange love-hate relationship between Tony Greig and the Aussies. Greig loves pulling the Kangaroo tail.

The hate part of the relationship appeared to have thawed out in the Australian summer of 1975-76.

After a most successful club season (run-wise, wicket-wise and dollar-wise), Greig left Sydney, full of praises of Australians and Australian cricket.

On TV commercials he not only applauded Australian wickets, he had nice things to say about Australian soaps, breakfast cereals — right down to ladies' panty-hose!

He even completed his autobiography in Australia, preferring an Australian writer — David Lord — as his ghost.

But soon after landing in England, he was at his old pastime — Kangaroo tail-pulling. For 'The Sun' (England), he selected a 'World XI' of his time (1970-1976), which is: 1. Barry Richards, 2. Geoff Boycott, 3. Clive Lloyd, 4. Gary Sobers (captain), 5. Graeme Pollock, 6. Mike Procter, 7. Alan Knott (wk.), 8. John Snow, 9. Andy Roberts, 10. Bishen Bedi, 11. B. S. Chandrasekhar.

Though Greig may have made some friends in India, he lost many. Down Under. What, no Australians? It hurt. What's wrong with our Chappells two, our Lillee, our Thommo, said the fair-go non-partisan Aussies.

Pat Farrell, a hard-hitting columnist of Sydney's 'Daily Mirror,' wrote with oxyacetylene flame in his pen: "That Tony Greig could pick his World Cricket XI of his time without a single Australian mentioned proves only that he is adept at satisfying the English palate."

"Greig is like the Flying Dutchman — condemned to wander homelessly throughout the cricket world because he was, by birth, a South African."

"The smartest thing he achieved was to leave himself out of his 'World XI'. It could be pretty embarrassing if he had to play a team from those he ignored."

I can imagine Tony Greig chuckling to himself. He probably provoked just the reaction he wanted!

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The big tennis merger

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THE world-wide Grand Prix of tennis will not just have a new sponsor (and a different prefix) in 1977, it will extend right through the calendar year instead of from May to November as at present.

This follows the decision of the World Championship Tennis group to incorporate its top tier of 13 tournaments next year in the Grand Prix, which is organised under the aegis of the Men's International Professional Tennis Council.

This move, announced in Dallas last month by WCT's executive director Mike Davies, a former British Davis Cup player, marks another step in the growing rapport between the bodies which control big-time tennis.

The path for WCT's joining the Grand Prix had been cleared early this year when the US-based pro tennis organisation, which is led by Texan oil millionaire Lamar Hunt, accepted the Code of Conduct for players formulated by the joint professional council.

The WCT-Grand Prix "merger" is a significant development, particularly when one remembers how, in 1972, as a result of the feud between WCT and the International Lawn Tennis Federation, WCT contract pros were unable to play at Wimbledon (John Newcombe could not defend his title) because their organisation barred their participation in federation sponsored events.

The outgoing sponsors of the Grand Prix, Commercial Union Assurance Company, did much to

bring the ILTF and the male players' union, the Association of Tennis Professionals, together in the MIPTC (commonly known as the joint professional council). It is now expected that WCT, which had remained totally independent, will be represented on the council.

Davies said that the merger plan had been developed in conjunction with ILTF president Derek Hardwick, and expressed his view that the link-up of the two major competitions in the sport WCT and the Grand Prix, would make the international circuit more comprehensible to the average follower of the game as well as providing more competition opportunities for players and encouraging further commercial sponsorship.

The basic WCT 77 structure will be two-tier. Including the US Pro Indoor Championships at Philadelphia (the world's most important indoor tournament; Dallas is a play-off), there will be a main set of 13 tournaments, all with a minimum \$100,000 prize-money. This will be known as the WCT World Series of Tennis, and the events will count for qualifying points for both the Grand Prix and the WCT doubles and singles finals in Kansas City and Dallas, respectively.

Thus players participating in WCT-77 will not just be aiming for WCT bonus money and play-off spots, they will also be accumulating Grand Prix points which count towards the GP bonus pool and the Masters play-offs to be held

at the end of the year. Of course, the World Doubles Championship in Kansas City and the Dallas finals will not count for the Grand Prix as they are not regular tournaments.

The second tier of WCT's schedule next year will be formed by a satellite circuit comprising 12 tournaments (minimum prize-money \$50,000) for players just below the top level. This series will maintain the tradition of WCT (for whom 1977 will be the 10th year of operation) in providing competition and prize-money for up-and-coming players as well as the established stars, Davies commented.

So the new sponsors of the Grand Prix will have an enlarged format to oversee (or "underwrite") next year. It now seems likely that an American company will take over the responsibility in 1977 Colgate-Palmolive, who are backing the first commercially-sponsored meet of the women's Federation Cup competition in Philadelphia in August, are known to be one of the possibilities.

Meanwhile, as the Grand Prix waits for a new sponsor and the WCT schedule for 1977 is being finalised, top tennis writer David Gray is preparing to take over one of tennis' key posts, the secretaryship of the ILTF, from fellow-Briton Basil Reay Gray, 47, will join his new assignment (which involves being joint secretary to the MIPTC) in August, after covering his 21st Wimbledon for The Guardian, where he was sports editor from 1961 to 1966.

Learn to play squash—16

Practice for the boast

Words by
Tony Swift
Techniques
by Bryan Patterson

PLAYER-B-HITS TO THE BALL AT THE SCOUT OF THE COURT AND EITHER DRIVE OR LOB THE BALL AROUND THE WALL TO A-WHO THEN BOUNCES THE BALL BACK TO-B.

A SIMILAR PRACTICE CAN BE PLAYED ACROSS THE COURTS.

1A-B LEFT HANDER
B-DRIVES OR LOBS THE BALL DOWN THE BACK WALL (B2)
A-BOUNDS THE BALL TO THE FRONT OF THE COURT (A2)
B-THEN DRIVES THE BALL DOWN THE WALL (B2) TO ALLOW A-TO PLAY A FOREHAND BOUNCER TO THE FRONT OF THE COURT (A2).
THE PRACTICE CONTINUES UNLESS ONE OF THE PLAYERS WANTS TO STOP THE BALL WITH A DRIVE OR LOB.

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THIS is one shot that needs a partner to allow you to practice.

First try the forehand boast (as illustrated) and with practice this rally can be continued without it breaking down. As the shots improve, both players can make the practice more difficult by moving back to the T after their shot.

A similar practice can be played across the other diagonal.

Probably the best practice, once these first two have been mastered, is for a continuous session in which B drives the ball down alternative walls in reply to player A's alternative boasts.

Initially there should be co-operation between the two players—

the ball should not be hit too hard too soon. B should try to keep the ball away from the sidewalls.

Gradually, the practice will improve and it can be made more difficult by ensuring that both players move back to the T after every shot.

This is an excellent practice combining drives (or lobs) and boasts.



They'll all be there again this weekend—Wimbledon's always a complete sell-out

The magic of Wimbledon

I CAN never forget the first time I set eyes on Wimbledon. It was a beautiful sunny morning in June. The overnight rain had cleansed the air. Clutching my tennis rackets and a kit bag, I was overcome by a feeling of reverence and awe as I walked through the gates. Today, after playing and watching for 27 summers, the 'magic' of Wimbledon remains.

Over the years, inspite of the British reputation for inflexible traditions and conservatism, enlightened management has kept Wimbledon ahead of the times and made it the premier event in the international sporting calendar.

Champions from more than 40 countries play on 15 of the world's best grass courts during the fortnight commencing six weeks before the first Monday in August. Two hundred linesmen and umpires are required for the matches which use 1,200 dozen balls! In the fortnight 300,000 spectators watch the matches, besides millions of TV viewers and radio listeners all over the globe. The heart of Wimbledon is the ivy clad hexagonal centre court which seats 10,651 and has standing room for a further 3,000.

Playing on the centre court is a rare honour and a transcendental

by NARESH KUMAR

experience. No moment in my life was richer or more rewarding than that balmy afternoon in 1958 when Krishnan and I received a standing ovation as we walked off the centre court after beating the reigning champions Mulloy and Patty. The generous applause for the underdog is the hallmark of the Wimbledon crowd. It stirs your soul, triggers the adrenalin and demands your utmost.

In turn, Wimbledon treats the players like royalty. Overseas competitors are picked up from their hotels in snappy new cars chauffeured by smartly dressed pretty girls and dropped back after the day's play. Superb changing rooms with physio-therapists in attendance, a private lounge for rest and relaxation, an exclusive restaurant with free lunch and tea, a complimentary ticket for alternate days, and a separate block to watch the centre court and No. 1 Court matches are some of the many facilities players enjoy.

Every year I return to find that some further improvements and additions have been made. This year, the passageways round the Centre Court are being further widened to improve crowd circu-

lation. A new temporary stand overlooking the third row of courts to seat 1,500 people has been erected, along with subsidiary catering areas for these spectators, and in place of the betting shop a tennis museum shop is being set up.

While conveying these improvements to me the suave super-efficient Secretary and Treasurer, Major David Mills, added that they are hoping to instal clocks by Rolex in the scoreboards which apart from giving the time, will also indicate the length of time a match has been in progress. Sadly, rigorous security precautions have become necessary, due to the terrorist problem and the damage done to the centre court early this year by vandals.

No picture of Wimbledon would be complete without mention of the ticket touts at the gate, the fans who queue overnight, the milling crowds, the swarms of giggling school-girls, the programme sellers, the ice cream vendors, the beautiful flowers, the colourful tea tents with strawberries and cream. All this, enriched with the delicious scents of summer captivate the visitor.

Even for the most seasoned players, whether they admit it or

not, Wimbledon is packed with pressure. This, combined with the undoubted advantage which big serves and attacking players enjoy on the fast grass, often upsets the international computerised standings. The synthetic surfaces, on which most of international pro tennis is now played, produce a high-bouncing ball (unlike grass where the ball stays low and shoots) and pays rich dividends to consistency.

No wonder, most of the top ten players in the world rely heavily on topspin. In their recent encounter in the World Championship of Tennis finals at Dallas, Borg and Vilas two of the leading exponents of topspin had a rally in the third set when the ball crossed the net 84 times! At Wimbledon a rally (in a men's match) where the ball crosses the net more than 10 to 15 times would leave the crowd gasping.

My assessment, therefore, of the 1976 Wimbledon is based more on the grass court potential of the players than on their world standings. In spite of his losses in 1975 at Wimbledon, Forest Hills and the Davis Cup, I have no hesitation in nominating Jimmy Connors to recapture his title. His defeats are bound to have watered down his volatile temperament and youthful cockiness, and given him much needed experience and a measure of maturity which, to my mind, were the main reasons for his losses.

Arthur Ashe must be the second favourite in my book. A superb record in 1975, an attacking game, with a big serve and volley, a wealth of experience and the right big match temperament, make him the most dangerous adversary for Connors. These two seem well clear of the field, where old-timers like Laver, Newcombe, Roche and Rosewall could perhaps find some of their old magic, but the tough fortnight may find them out.

Tanner, who played so well last year, now with a year's experience on the pro circuit and his tremendous serve, would be a good outsider to back. Nastase, as I saw him last year, seemed to have slowed down. On the Wimbledon grass, he will find it difficult to retrieve shots he could easily get to on synthetic surfaces.

Vilas and Borg, the topspin twins, are at their best on grass courts. Out of the two it is Borg who can rise to greater heights and produce some inspired tennis, but I cannot see him beating Connors or Ashe at Wimbledon. I have not seen the new Australian Open Champion, 21-year-old Mark Edmondson, who won his title by beating Rosewall in the semis and Newcombe in the finals, but feel that he may need Wimbledon experience. Then, there is Orantes,



An inspired Vijay Amritraj has an outside chance of winning

who is one of the continental players, who wish that grass had been kept solely for the cows. His is the hard testing world of slow courts.

And, coming to our own Vijay Amritraj, given a good draw and luck, which he certainly has not had in the last couple of years, an inspired Vijay has an outside chance of creating a world-wide sensation by winning Wimbledon. Grass courts suit his style of play. His opponents cannot run down and return his volleys and his deadly backhand is a killer on grass.

Vijay's performance in the Indian Open at Calcutta, in the Davis Cup match against New Zealand, when he won both his singles, and subsequent results, indicate that he has matured and developed more consistency. Currently at the time of going to press Vijay has had to pull out of the Alan King-Caesar's Palace Tennis Classic with a burst blood vessel. Let us hope this will not interfere seriously with his Wimbledon preparation. So, hopefully 1976 could provide India with its first Wimbledon champion.



The shape of things to come . . . Jimmy Connors is top favourite for the men's title and Chris Evert for the women's



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JAI...

Colonel A. SHARMAN pays tribute to Sawai Man Singh, the late Maharaja of Jaipur on the occasion of his sixth death anniversary that falls on the 24th June.



His prowess at polo was well-known . . . brilliant horsemanship combined with tactical knowledge

A LITTLE boy sat astride a rolled up bedding and practised polo — or at least he fancied that he did. He must have been able to look into "the seeds of time" for he grew up into one of the finest polo players the world has known.

Officially he was Lieut-General His Highness Maharaja Sawai Man Singh Bahadur, Maharaja of Jaipur; popularly he was just 'JAI,' a name to be conjured with wherever polo is played or talked about.

His prowess at polo is well known and it would be superfluous to dwell on it except perhaps to recall that he took his famous Jaipur polo team to England in 1933 when he was a young man of 22 years. The team was composed of Raj Kumar Prithi Singh

of Baria playing at Number One, Rao Raja Abhey Singh at Number Two, the world renowned Rao Raja Hanut Singh at Number Three while the Maharaja himself played at Number Four.

Brilliant horsemanship combined with magnificent team-work enabled these four players to win every open tournament in England that year. This phenomenal success inspired a famous English caricaturist to depict the Jaipur Polo team riding an elephant on to the polo ground and scattering British polo players and umpires in all directions.

Another record of the Maharaja of Jaipur that is worthy of mention is that he played for the most coveted of polo trophies in Calcutta, the Indian Polo Association

Championship, no less than 17 times. He first fielded a team in 1930 and won, and thereafter won the championship every year until 1939 when the second World War put a stop to polo in Calcutta.

When polo was resumed after the war, the Maharaja and his old teammate, Hanut Singh, formed a Rajasthan team and once again they emerged victorious. He also played for the 61st Cavalry of which he was the Colonel-in-Chief. It must be a unique record that, after playing in these tournaments so many times, he lost only once in a hard fought final to 61st Cavalry.

In 1952 a polo team representing India was invited to play for the Coronation Cup in honour of Queen Elizabeth's coronation. The privilege of captaining the team fell on the Maharaja of Jaipur. Teams from all over the polo-playing world participated and, though the Indian team was unable to win the tournament, they made up for it by winning the World Cup at Deauville.

Having digressed, we return to the main story and find the little boy at the Mayo Chiefs' College at Ajmer playing all games with relish, be it hockey or football or cricket, though he loved riding most. I can recall a Gibson Cup Hockey Tournament final between the old rivals, Mayo College and Government College, Ajmer. Somebody in the large crowd enquires, "Who is that tall, striking boy at right back?" "The Maharaja of Jaipur."

Though somewhat sedate of foot, he kept intruders away from the "D" with remarkable efficiency. Later, he played hockey for Woolwich, where he received military training, in the same position. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons were spent in flannels on the Mayo College central cricket ground which, according to Arthur Gilligan, had about the finest view of all the grounds he had played on.

The Maharaja was a middle-order batsman of no ordinary ability and his strokes packed punch as we, who bowled to him, soon discovered. He enjoyed his cricket and continued to play it even after he was invested with full ruling powers. I remember one winter holiday noticing a festive shamiana adorning one end of the pretty Jaipur Cricket Club ground. Curiosity drew me to it and I had to pay for it, albeit most enjoyably.

I was bundled off in a car to overleaf

change and play for his team, which was drawn from all walks of life, the common factor being the ability to play cricket; and the captain was not the Maharaja! For those days of class distinction, the camaraderie and bon homie were remarkable, but then Jai was never stand-offish, more so where sportsmen were concerned.

In addition to team games, the Maharaja excelled at squash. In this he was aided by the same powerful wrist that sent a ball hurtling with uncanny surety on the polo turf. Sadly, an accident to his leg put paid to it.

Lawn tennis he thoroughly enjoyed, inspite of a permanent limp, and it was a must on evenings when polo was not on. He paired up with the late Maharaja of Kis-hangarh and the two smiled their way into the open doubles semi-finals of the first Rajasthan Lawn Tennis Championships; no mean achievement in the company of Jack Arkinstall, Skonecky, Bob Howe and Akhtar Ali among others.

Few would know that he represented India in the invitation shooting competitions organised by Holland and Holland, Westley Richards and other well known manufacturers of arms. He enjoyed shooting as a sport also but loved birds and animals far too much to participate in any largescale killing.

On the contrary, he preferred to watch animals in the natural habitat and his preserve at Sawai Madhopur has been chosen as one of the places for 'Project Tiger.' To him dogs and horses were human and they returned his love. He never got off a horse without patting it and saying a few words



With Pandit Nehru during the India-Argentine polo match in 1950

to it. In fact, the last words he spoke were to his polo pony.

Although he could not continue to play all team-games, as he undoubtedly would have liked to, after becoming embroiled in affairs of state, the promotion of sport had top-most priority with him. Ample testimony to this are the large and generous playgrounds that were provided with the many new educational institutions that came into being during his regime.

And besides, an outstanding local sportsman, Oscar Singh, was sent for training to the YMCA,

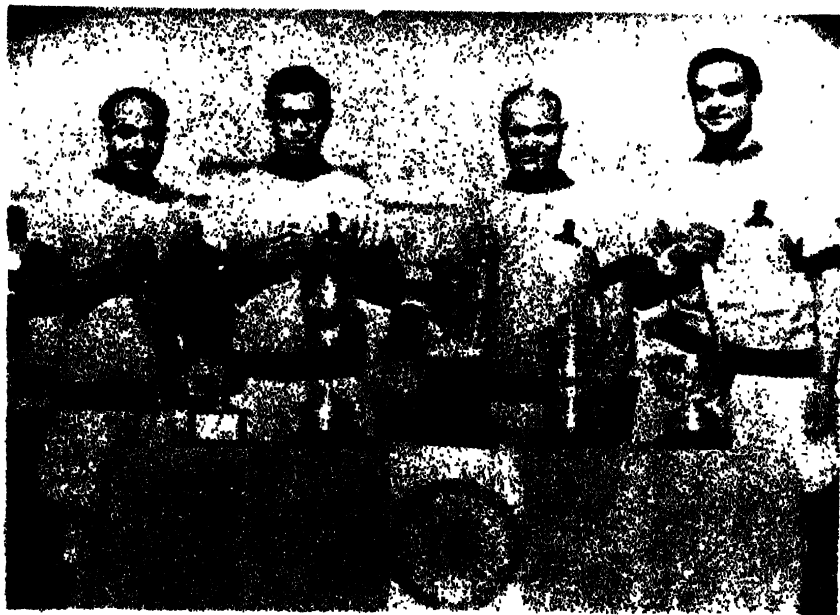
Madras, and then appointed Director of Physical Education for Jaipur State, probably the first such. The stadium in Jaipur, so befittingly named after the Maharaja, stands on the extensive stretch of personal land that he donated for the purpose after the integration of States, but his dream of a sports complex in that vast area has yet to come true.

Jai's love of sports and games persisted throughout life and showed up either by his presence at events of importance—Test match, tennis or badminton tournament—or in active patronage in the shape of membership of clubs and associations or as benefactor, guide and friend to almost every sport.

Jai had a soft corner for sportsmen and it did not matter one bit to him who they were, where they came from or what creed they professed. Most of the leading lights of polo in the generation succeeding him acknowledge their debt of gratitude to him specially for the encouragement and guidance they received when they were up and coming players. Among these are three of India's most outstanding players, V. P. Singh, 'Billy' Sodhi and Pradeep Mehra.

Besides, I know of the case of a promising young tennis player whom the Maharaja took with him for coaching to England. The amazing part was that it took Jai just a few seconds to decide on this and, once the good deed had been done, it was never mentioned again.

There must have been numerous such instances of "little, unremembered acts of kindness and of



The Indian polo team that won the World Cup at Deauville
... Kishan Singh, Bijay Singh, Hanut Singh and Jai

love" which remain unknown. An innate modesty prevented him from disclosing them or, for the matter of that, talking about himself. His fame even at polo rests on actual achievement not on words. Combined with this was the Maharaja's extreme thoughtfulness and consideration for the comfort and well-being of players; be it polo, tennis, badminton or cricket, he saw to it that they were properly accommodated and had adequate transport and entertainment as if they were his own guests.

Over 20 years ago, Jaipur hosted the first ever match of a foreign cricket team, the Silver Jubilee Overseas Cricket XI. This place then boasted of no stadium neither was there a ground suitable in size and condition for a fixture of such importance. We approached the Maharaja who unhesitatingly placed his No. 1 polo ground at our disposal.

I know what that lovely ground meant to him and what a wrench it must have been, but he allowed it to be roughed up with a smile. He went further; he permitted the use of one of his beautiful buildings to house the team. And thereby hangs a tale that needs to be told.

I happened to be responsible for the arrangements. Every thing had been taped out and then we turned to the storekeeper in charge for linen. His refusal to hand us those 'precious' items could not have been more firm, flat and final. We tried every means of persuasion, including threats, but the old dragon might as well have been made of stone. I felt as frustrated as a batsman who gets run out



Receiving an award from his wife Gayatri Devi . . . behind him is Prince Philip



When his famous Jaipur team was on its triumphant tour of England this caricature appeared in the British press . . . the polo heroes riding an elephant scattering British players and umpires

through no fault of his own and was thinking furiously whom to turn to when, as if in answer to a prayer, the 'magic lamp' stepped out of a red Delahaye.

Things moved; out came the linen—towels, bedsheets, everything—in a jiffy; we were saved. Maharani Gayatri Devi has been spoken of as beautiful, charming, the essence of refinement and culture; to us she seemed to have wings as well and a halo round her head. I happily approached the building very early next morning to find a lonely jeep parked outside it.

Any apprehensions that I felt were soon removed by a broad, rich, heavy voice from a smiling face: "Just dropped in to see the arrangements. Seems all right. Need anything more?" "No, Sir." "Hazare will be at Rambagh with the Raja Sahib of Jath. Where are you putting up Mankad and Umrigar?" "They're staying with Purshottam Rungta." "Oh good! He'll look after them. And the others?" "All locals, Sir."

So, to Jai, and equally to his gracious Maharani, players were players and not just straws to be blown about with every wind. Krishnan told me about the Davis Cup tie against South Africa which was played in Spain. Things did not go too well but our boys were lucky to have one person to look after them all the time and encourage them. Who could it have been but Jai, India's Ambassador to Spain?

Playing games with skill is one thing; to be a sportsman is another. Maharaja Man Singh was

both. Sportsmanship was so ingrained in him that its norms were applied religiously, albeit unconsciously, in daily dealings.

Tale-bearing was neither encouraged nor tolerated; he would satisfy himself personally before believing anything about anybody. Malice and ill-will were totally absent; instead there was the desire to see the other fellow's point of view.

One would fancy that everything, including prowess at polo, came easily to Jai simply because he was a Maharaja. Gifted he undoubtedly was, but it was only after incessant grind, sweat and toil that he could become 'a legend in his life time.'

Exercises on Roman rings and on his exercising machine, digging, swimming, bicycling, hours of rigorous practice, working out strategy with his teammates—he had to go through it all. The road to fame is long and arduous. So many fall by the wayside, only the dedicated few reach the goal. To those who would tread this road, 'Jai's' life story should be an inspiration and an example worthy of emulation.

A little known fact about Maharaja Man Singh of Jaipur was his intense devotion to the family deity whose temple adorns the historic hills of Amber. Prior to and after every event of importance, he would band his head in reverence before Mataji for light and sustenance. The Divine Mother stood by him nobly in life and finally ended the story as he would have liked it—he died with his boots on.

Sportraits

mini-portraits of maxi-stars . . .

To understand what makes David Stanley Steele what he is — and why it will need a depth-charge to knock him from his present pedestal — it is necessary to visit a cul-de-sac in the suburbs of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. Preferably on a dank winter evening — ideally in snow.

For it was there in the cramped backyard of an unpretentious semi that the young Steele in company with his mentor, Uncle Stan Crump, and cousin Brian (also of Northamptonshire and a fine prospect until the mantle of donkey stock bowler fell on him) learned the basic skills of batting and bowling.

They played outside in the off season for the simple reason there were no local indoor schools at the time. Cold, rain, fog and snow — many's the time the pitch had to be swept clear — were ignored. Slightly potty and eccentric? Of course, but chairman Alec Bedser led the thanks of millions in 1975 for such irrational behaviour.

'Brian was keen enough, but he couldn't match David for sheer dedication. David never bowled a ball without purpose or made a shot without concentrating,' says Uncle Stan, who had a distinguished career with Staffordshire and in the northern leagues as an all-rounder. He was still good enough at 37 to be approached by Somerset!

In the summer he extended the experience of the two boys by running a Sunday side, and clearly Steele and English cricket at large are in his debt. Until I saw that draughty, cramped backyard I was only half aware of Steele's great assets of resolution and character — how that word keeps cropping up! In those spartan beginnings an indestructible seed was planted in Steele's cricket and mental make-up.

He was given a will to succeed, a temperament to keep his feet firmly on the ground during his heady transformation from reliable county pro to national hero inside the duration of three Test matches and a natural sense to face the equally difficult future of living up to his current reputation.

Consider his meteoric rise. It

must be unique. Just a year ago he was an ordinary pro preparing for his twelfth season — different only because it was his benefit year. The World Cup and the four Ashes Tests seemed outside his orbit and strictly reserved for the glamour boys.

Now he is BBC Sports Personality of 1975, Daily Express Sportsman of the Year, BBC Grandstand Sportsman of the Year, etc. etc., £25,500 better off after a record (by a considerable distance) benefit for Northamptonshire, a world-famous player, and with enough status to turn down the county captaincy in order to concentrate on his batting.

Bedser ('Well, he learned his job the hard way, didn't he?') and his fellow selectors, reinforced by Steele's fervent admirer — skipper

DAVID STEELE

by ALEX BANNISTER

Tony Greig — have made him a first choice in the current series with West Indies. The cricket world lies in his palm — even conceivably the vice-captaincy in India this winter.

Steele would be less than human if he didn't enjoy his triumphs to the full. He has the satisfaction of those who have worked for a position and have earned the right to success, and he can inwardly chuckle at those (myself included) who doubted his class at Test level.

In a contradictory way he is a personality without a personality — a very ordinary bloke with rimless specs, prematurely grey hair, and a succinct wit. Yet those average qualities, the absence of tiresome gimmicks, and the sheer romance of an old pro cooking a snook at the rampant Thomson, Lillie and Co., have combined to make Steele a folk hero.

In appearance he is as unlikely a top sporting figure as could be imagined. Put him alongside Freddie Brown, Wally Hammond, Ted Dexter, and others with that magic ingredient called presence, and he would be out of place. But put him in a tight spot for England, as he was in his first Test at Lord's,

and he lacks no comparison with any contemporary player.

In these days of fashionable national denigration Steele, like Ken Barrington of the last decade, fights with a sense of patriotism. If you like — he is the John H. Stracey of cricket, and that is one sound reason why I think he will stand the ultimate test of time.

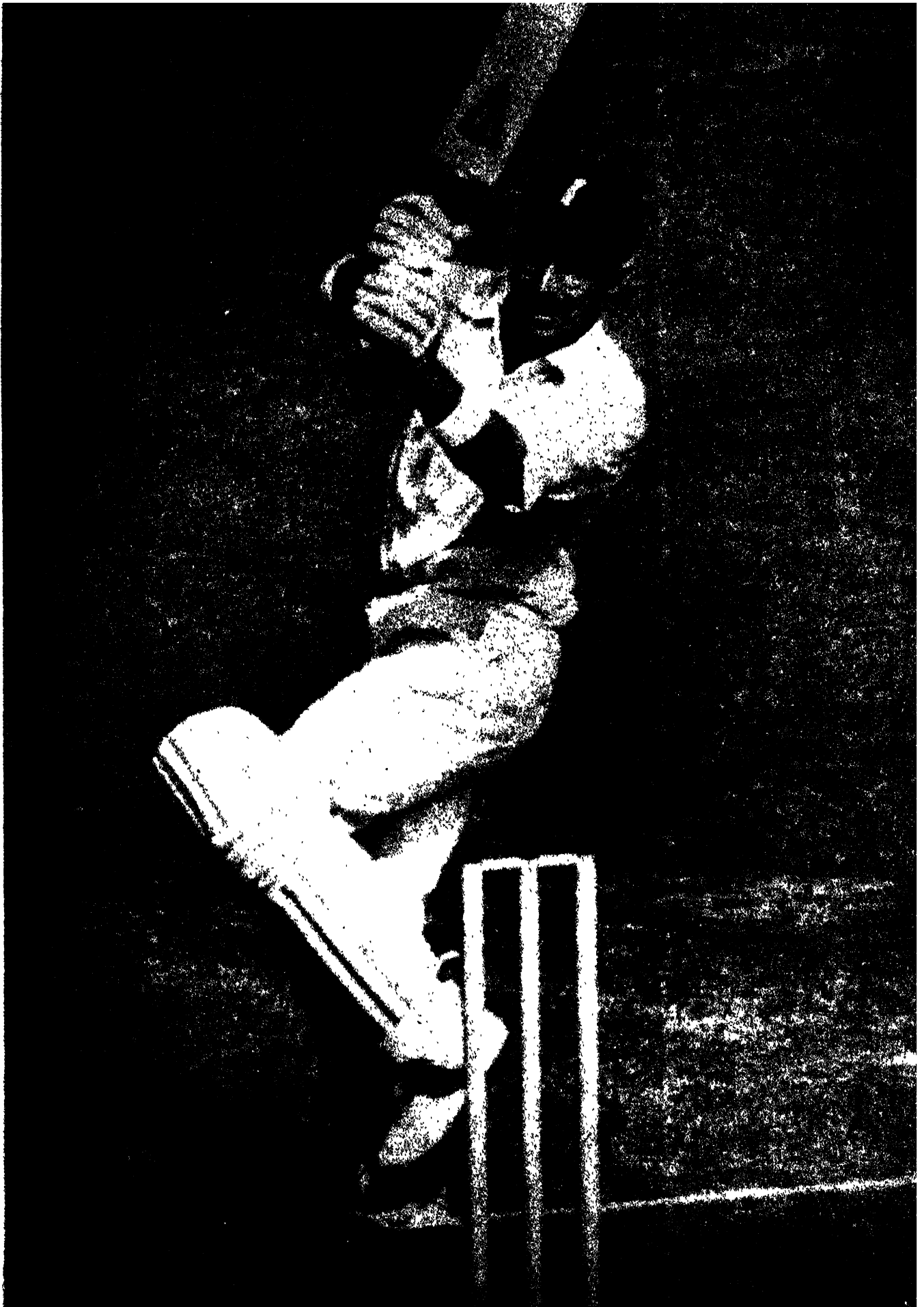
Some see him as a one-season wonder, whose technical weaknesses will be exposed on faster pitches and facing classier spin bowlers. He is clumsy against slow bowling, and every county pace bowler will say he hooks high and tends to be tempted to give catches at long leg.

But English cricket and cricketers tend to suffer from over-exposure. Virtues of professionalism and reliance are taken too much for granted, and weaknesses often outweigh strengths in public arguments. Steele's assets rank high. He plays straight and to his strengths. He has been through it all now from the Staffordshire League, Minor Counties with Staffordshire and in first-class cricket since 1963. It took him two years to win his county cap, and 13 for his England cap.

When he was passed over in 1972 when he reached 1618 runs and averaged 52.19 he thought he would never be recognised. But when England turned to him in an hour of desperate need he was still eager for the challenge. Uncle Stan is realistic enough to admit the gods were with him in slow pitches and Australia's predominance of fast bowlers.

If Steele does face a problem in the future one thing can be certain — he will apply all his energies to overcome it. It's in his nature to do so, and is a solid reason why the saga of Steele should continue as the modern right-handed Maurice Leyland, a fortress of resolute skill defying bowlers to get him out. For he certainly won't surrender his wicket.

Steele by name, and steel of nature — a dedicated and worthy player who did much to restore England's shattered pride and hope in the unforgettable summer of 1975. And it augurs well for England that he believes his job is as yet only half-done.



What's wrong with Indian cricket?

SINCE 1932, when an Indian team played the first ever official Test match against England at Lord's, the Mecca of cricket, much water has flown down the bridges built across the seas between various countries playing cricket. More countries have entered the arena and by now the game has been converted into a matter of national prestige in the international sphere.

Cricket literature, cricket writing and cricket reporting have grown tremendously in the last four decades and millions of words have been written on various aspects of the game and the sport. Not much, however, has been written linking causes and effects on the field of play with the administrators who have always been responsible for rearing and nurturing the game in their respective countries. More selectors, past and present, have got the stick than any other people forming a part of administration, but they, poor chaps, have often had nothing to do with either the long-term or the short-term sponsorship of cricket. They have had to contend with the success or failure of policies of the all-powerful Boards of Control and have had to make their selection from amongst the best material available at the moment, material which has been the direct result of the policies of the Boards.

Why should then the country that produced the Nayudus and Nissars, Merchants and Mankads suddenly find itself limited to the dubious talents of some fifteen odd names from which to select inter-

by **MADHU
AMERSEY**

national sides over the decade? Why is it that in a vast country with a population of six hundred million not even three or four talented young cricketers are emerging on the national scene every year? Has talent suddenly disappeared from India?

Could the answer lie in the methods and means adopted by the body responsible for controlling every aspect of cricket in India—the Indian Board of Cricket Control? Or does the answer lie elsewhere?

There is no simple answer to the cause for the sudden and great decline of Indian cricket in the last four years. The sorry spectacle of the Indian team at Lord's in the Prudential Cup in 1975 from the exhilaration of the victory at the Kennington Oval in 1972 and now the general dismay at the scared surrender of our team in the last Test in the West Indies must be due to multifarious reasons.

In the formative years of the Indian Board of Control the predominant people were the great patrons of the game, the former Rajas and Maharajas. Many of them, with their English education played the game themselves at some level or other and developed an interest in it, enough to spend a lot of time and money towards organising the game through the Board of Cricket Control and

build up their own teams to participate in prestige competitions. To do this they encouraged talented youngsters by making it economically possible for them to concentrate on the game and by importing good coaches from abroad to instil in them the techniques of the game so that their natural talents would blossom forth in a scientific manner. This enabled these cricketers to remain at the top for long because with the passing of years, when the sharp edge of natural reflexes was blunted, soundness of technique along with experience kept them there.

After independence the Indian princes could not afford to run their cricket teams owing to obvious economic reasons, their hold on the Board of Control loosened and most of them lost interest in sponsoring cricketers. Meanwhile, with the intervention of World War II, International Cricket had come to a standstill and the Board lost its main source of income which was from Test matches and tours. The finances having dwindled, the Board could not afford to either sponsor cricket or to spend money on coaching and encouraging young players.

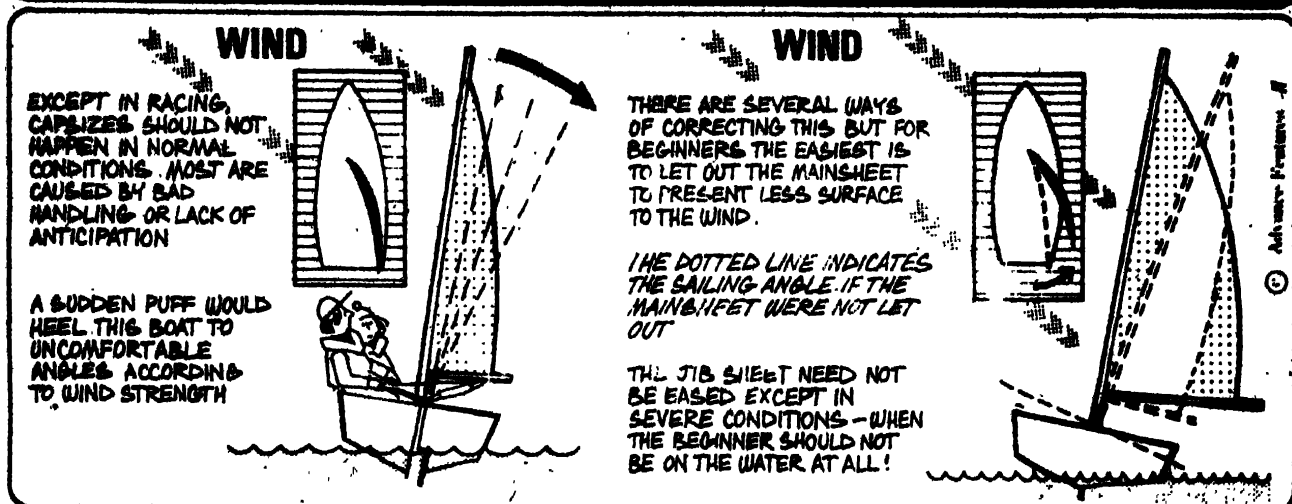
Fortunately for the game, during the War and after independence, a class of rich merchant princes and industrialists had come up in the country and in their quest for prominence in public affairs some of them stepped into the breach and took the place of former Maharajas in the Board. They started running their own commercial teams and encouraged promising young cricketers to join their firms to play inter-office tournaments. With the recommencement of the international tours, money also started flowing into the coffers of the Board. Management of finance was their forte and hence they quickly succeeded in making the Indian Board of Control financially extremely sound. This is one debt of gratitude Indian cricket will always owe these gentlemen and their service will not be easily forgotten.

During their regime which still continues, a number of national tournaments were started to encourage young cricketers and bring up the standard of Indian cricket. These have done the game a lot of good. To wit the C. K. Nayudu Tournament for players under 22 years. Unfortunately some of these gentlemen hadn't played the game themselves, and were only interested in yielding power, which encouraged nepotism and favouritism.

To give an example, whereas the starting of the C. K. Nayudu Tro-



Work in progress at the Khar Gymkhana in Bombay where a brick-based wicket is being laid — a step in the right direction to encourage pace bowlers



phy tournament makes full sense, the Board's refusal to assign any selector to watch these games makes a nonsense of this tournament. What earthly use has C. K. Nayudu Trophy if budding young cricketers from all parts of the country are not watched by the selectors?

The second example is the very laudable appointment of a national coach. However, in a vast country like India the appointment of one man to coach youngsters by moving periodically from one part of the country to the other is a complete waste of time and will not produce any results whatsoever. So are the intermittent attempts to organise "camps" from time to time. They savour of publicity stunts.

On the other hand, it will be possible to unearth, train and produce two or three international class cricketers every year if we spot natural talent at an age young enough to be trained in correct techniques of the game. This means finding talented youngsters at school level between the ages of 12 and 16.

It is not possible for one national coach to go round the country looking at every school boy cricketer. This will take years. Therefore, the best way is to appoint in every state two or three old and capable cricketers who are not economically well placed in life, pay them a monthly stipend plus travelling expenses and T.A. and ask them to watch all senior school matches in their area. They can act as talent scouts for the Board. They should be asked to submit to the national coach two or three names of boys who they feel have natural talent and will make useful Ranji Trophy and Test cricket-

ers after receiving good scientific coaching.

Once the national coach has received the names from all over the country he should visit each one of the five zonal centres where all recommended boys from that particular zone should be called for trials. After these trials the national coach should select about ten boys who he thinks are good prospects for coaching and make up a list of about 40 or 50 boys and hold a coaching session of three to four weeks (during the long vacation of the schools) at one centre and from amongst these select about 20 to 25 boys or even less. These boys should be the ones he thinks have the best possible talent and chance to blossom forth into really good cricketers. These boys should then be called twice a year to a coaching camp lasting 2 to 3 weeks during the school vacation for a period of two years. The coach should also send these names of the respective scouts and request them to keep an eye on these boys throughout the year so that they may not develop any faulty techniques whilst they are away from him. These scouts should also be present at the camps to assist the coach.

This way it is almost certain that every couple of years at least two or three if not more international class cricketers of 18 to 20 years of age would be turned out.

The Indian Board of Cricket Control, the richest cricket controlling body in the world, has sufficient funds at its disposal to pay for such a scheme and any money spent like this would be really well spent in the best interest of the game. The total cost of such a project would not come to more than 2 to 3 lakhs of rupees per year and this the Board can easily

spend for the improvement of the game in the country.

Here an interesting little anecdote would not be out of place. The scene is the third day of the second Test at Lord's between India and England in 1974 — the disastrous Test for India. The time is early morning of the third day when India has just gone in to bat facing a huge English total of over 600 runs. One of our senior-most officials, is standing talking to some former England captains and officials of the MCC, discussing the game. Another Indian converges on this group and he is asked what he thinks of the state of the Test. He frankly admits that in all probability India has lost this match. The Indian official, a former President of the Board says in front of everyone. "What nonsense? Have you ever played at Lord's? Do you know on Monday the wicket will crumble and we will win this match!" How ridiculous! Did it require great knowledge of the game to know that should the wicket crumble on the fourth day with India facing a total of 600 odd runs in the first innings, it would not be England that lost the Test?

This then is the dismal picture! How long will financial considerations prevail over honest efforts to improve the game? Is it not time that the affairs of a financially-sound Board of Control was placed in the hands of people who know the game well, people who are dedicated to the game and not to their personal fame?

Perhaps there is a ray of hope. Perhaps a beginning has been made. This year, for the first time since the formation of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, a first class cricketer is the president of the Board with a Test cricketer as his secretary. Will they be left alone to deliver the goods?

Failing lights & multiple replays

THE Quilon and Trichur parts of the Kerala football circus were never free of incidents. At the Municipal Golden Jubilee Tournament at Quilon, there were abandonments galore, while the Trichur Chackola Gold Cup was taken to the Courts.

South-Eastern Railway won the Chackola final in the replay against the Premier Tyres of Kerala. Premier thus lost its second consecutive final, after hitting a jackpot last year, with three trophies, plus that of this season from Cochin in the Nehru Trophy.

But a stay order from the Principal Munsif's Court, Trichur, was served to the organisers, barring them from handing over the trophy, on an appeal filed by Cochin Customs, who were scratched from the semis. But the notice-server from the Courts found nobody of the Committee at the venue to accept the order, and at a hurriedly-held function, the chief guest handed over the cup to the SER captain. The petition is yet to be decided by the Court.

SER entered the semis when they trounced Inder Singh-led JCT Phagwara 4-0. And having no clue about their next fixture, they packed up and went home. When Cochin Customs found a place in the semis, an SOS was sent to SER, and they air-dashed to Trichur, to complete the formalities, paying an additional packet of Rs. 19,000.

In the first-leg, they were beaten hands down, Customs striking twice. The second-leg match was well fought but was abandoned due to poor light. SER got a life when a replay was ordered.

But the Customs team had an engagement in the G. V. Raja Tournament at Trivandrum, and requested a postponement. The Committee refused and so Customs gave a walk-over to SER. The Customs then went to Court, appealing against the so-called unilateral decision. They gained a stay, but it did not reach the proper man in time. Though the tournament is over, the case is pending before the Court.

The Gold Cup from Quilon went to Trivandrum Titanium. MRC Wellington has to be content once again with the runner-up trophy, in the second annual Municipal Golden Jubilee Football. Titanium were clear-cut winners, with the upper hand in both legs of the final.

The 'grand tamasha' of the season was enacted in the preliminary round of this tournament when EME met ASC. Both the military teams fought a one-one draw on

the first day, both goals coming as gifts from the defenders. On the second day they shared two goals. The third day found EME taking the lead, and ASC equalising through a spot kick.

At last the tie-breaker was employed. After the four pairs of kicks were over, it was 3-2 in favour of EME. Then Ram Mohan, ASC goalkeeper, appealed against the light. The referee was not ready to yield. Bir Bahadur took the kick and hit the post. With a lone kick to go, a farce was enacted. The ASC striker was unable to find the post. Soon the referee abandoned the match, and left the field. EME thought it an injustice and withdrew from the tournament.

The Nagji football tournament of Calicut attracted many this

was loudly proclaimed, and for the first time in Kerala, the duration was stretched to 90 minutes, and the admission rates slashed to rupee one. But top teams of Kerala, like Premier Tyres, Trivandrum Titanium and KSRTC abstained with the KFA practically having no powers to direct them, as such. Though some of the local league sides, and the two top teams of the neighbouring district figured in the tourney it proved to be a battle amongst the outstation teams.

Hyderabad XI after a long lay-off, sparkled on the final day, but failed to take the advantage against an out-of-form JCT. The replay proved to be a mediocre match, in which Prem Singh found the winner. It was JCT's first win here



The JCT Phagwara team with the Nagji Trophy and smiles all around

season, the most important being 'the striking singhs' of Indian soccer, Inder of Punjab, and Magan of Rajasthan. Both abstained from the Calicut nationals three months ago and their return to the maidan was eagerly awaited.

But Magan, still nursing an injured knee, was found to be completely off-colour, when he appeared for holders Rajasthan Police, while Inder combining vigour with method continued to bear the stamp of his class, leading Jagatjit Cotton Textile Mills, Phagwara, to their first-ever crown here.

The Corporation Floodlit Stadium, which attracted a milling crowd every evening to smash the all-time gate records during the January Nationals, was the venue. The right of organising this 23rd annual tournament, came to the rightful hands of the District Football Association. Since 1958, the Calicut Municipal Corporation had been running the show.

It was a challenging job for the organisers but they managed. The re-appearance of Magan and Inder

though Punjab Police and BSF had earlier taken this title to Punjab.

No doubt, the tournament was well organised, though one may raise his eyebrows in astonishment to the 'light failure' even at floodlit grounds. But power failures played havoc during the matches. Even for the Nagji final, there was a 20-minute blackout. A shrewd organiser could well have used this heaven-sent opportunity to call a replay. But here, not only the organisers, but even the losing sides didn't take it up as a case for an appeal to get a further lease of life.

—ABOO.

Indians win

THE Indian hockey team, which stopped over in Paris en route to Montreal for the Olympics, beat a local French club side Stade Francais 9-0 in Paris. They followed that up with a 2-1 victory over a combined international Olympic side comprising six Belgians, two Poles, two Dutch, a West German and a Scots.



AT the last FIFA World Cup tournament East Germany were the only team to defeat the ultimate champions, West Germany. Yet they did not gloat over that tremendous achievement nor were they content to rest on their laurels. The Football Association of the German Democratic Republic realised "that the best teams, particularly in the field of technique and tactics, but also on certain



Tired slaves? Not of course when you're the winner—
Titanium F.C. after their Quilon victory

special points of athletic training, have overtaken us."

So, "to make up the backlog," the FA of the GDR chalked out a long-term programme based on training promising talent free from the pressures of competition. Too often the dictates of competitive success have restricted the full flowering of talent.

Compare this with what obtains in Indian football. And this when our results in recent Asian events have been hardly worth talking about. The accent in this country is on organising competitions and prolonging meetings between teams that would draw gates. Examples

were the semi-final of the recent Nehru Trophy between ultimate winners Premier Tyres, who were brought back into the event after being eliminated at the group stage as Mohammedan Sporting did not turn up, and Jagatjit Cotton and Textiles Mills, which was a "beastly" four-legged one. Again one quarter-final of the Quilon Municipal tournament being decided as a straight knock-out and others as double-legged ones.

I had hoped that with the election of A. T. Vijayarangam as the secretary of the All-India Football Federation and of A. R. Khaleel as the chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, such undesirable trends will cease and a proper set of priorities fixed. For both have done plenty of good for soc-

cer in Karnataka, who, perhaps, were the first state to put a curb on the jaunts of their clubs outside the state. But on the 1976 Kerala and Tamil Nadu circuit my hopes have not been fulfilled.

However, an item on the agenda for the annual meeting of the AIFF to be held at Darjeeling on Sunday (June 12)—it was originally scheduled to be held at Patna in mid-April but was postponed as the heat may not make for cool thinking—revives hopes. There is a move to restrict teams from taking part in more than three events outside their states. This is a rule that is observed by clubs from

BY SHARP SHOOTER

Too many 'legs'

Maharashtra, besides those from Karnataka.

As one who had long campaigned for some such limiting of participation by teams so that players are not driven to perform like slaves, albeit willing slaves, and some kind of recuperation period and pre-season training could be planned, I support this proposal. The main opposition may come from, besides Kerala and Tamil Nadu, states like the Punjab and Rajasthan. Kerala and Tamil Nadu not only rake in a lot of cash from the many tournaments but also use them as a lever in the battles for the plums of office.

With the Punjab and Rajasthan, it is different. Such a restriction would deny their clubs match play. Neither, I believe, has a league competition and hence their clubs are free to play outside. But this is not beneficial for the development of the game in their own states.

"It is time the AIFF strongly impress upon the representatives of these two states and any other that does not have a league, the need to start one. I would go so far as to suggest that the AIFF should frame a rule that makes it incumbent on all members to have a league. For that would be for the good of the game.

Brazil win

BRAZIL clinched the US Bicentennial Cup after a fighting finale against Italy (4-1) in which three players were sent off in what could only be described as a bruising battle.

The game, watched by a crowd of 36,096, was a disgrace to soccer, as players on both sides hacked at each other.

Italy took the lead after only 65 seconds when Capello scored with a header from a corner by Franco Causio.

In the 28th minute Rivelino hit a 45 yard pass which Lula squared back for Gil to drive home from the edge of the penalty area, and the second goal came in the 53rd minute when Rivelino hit a cross-field pass to Gil who then beat off two challengers to give Dino Zoff no chance.

Brazil put the game out of reach with two goals in the space of a minute starting with Zico's in the 71st. Getulio made the fourth when he put Roberto through and the chunky striker held off three challenges before scoring.

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Left: The Maharashtra team Vijay Sangam, Arun Deshpande, Kabir Khan, Suhās Kambli, Prakash Rele and Ramesh Chitty. Right: V. Lazar receives the cup from S. K. Wankhede

Maharashtra win their fifth title

BOMBAY appears to be Maharashtra's happy-hunting ground. On both the previous occasions on which the national carrom championships have been held here, they have won—in 1961 and 1969. History repeated itself this year too as Maharashtra clinched their fifth national title.

But, though the Maharashtra team brought a flush of brightness to the cheeks of the large home crowd, the real show was stolen by the men's and women's singles winners. V. Lazar of Tamil Nadu was hailed as the hero by the end of the tourney — and he rightly deserved the honour, for the 36-year-old transport company fitter

showed a superb style allied to great skill, particularly with the rebound shots and the delicate cuts.

After some thrilling matches against Devaji Sumra and Vijay Sangam in the early rounds, Lazar had things very much his own way in a totally one-sided final, when S. Dilli, also from Tamil Nadu, was completely outclassed, losing 29-0, 29-26.

Later, Lazar teamed up with Dilli to win the doubles title as well, beating Sangam and Kabir Khan. His bid for the treble was frustrated by the Maharashtra pair of Kambli and Khot, with Lazar's partner, S. Vani not at her best.

Of the others to impress most

was Vijay Sangam, whose attacking game caught the eye. His ability to convert difficult shots is amazing, but he is too prone to silly errors and lapses in patience and concentration. He caused a major upset when he beat reigning champ and top-seed Suhās Kambli in the early rounds.

Vidarbha's extremely talented 17-year-old youngster Sheila Gupta stole the limelight among the women, creating a unique record by winning the women's and girls' titles. Sheila won the first game very easily but had to struggle very hard to clinch the second from Maharashtra's Madhavi Karve.

—C. SANT

Q WHO is the fastest bowler in India today?

—S. Chowdhury (Dhanbad) and Mukesh A. Kapasi (Bangalore-53).

A DIFFICULT to say as one fast bowler is as slow as another.

Q WHAT do you think of the future of Madan Lal and Mohinder Amarnath?

—Surajit Bose (Allahabad).

A THEIR success at home rests largely on the nature of our wickets.

Q WHO is the best batsman of Jammu and Kashmir? What is his highest score and against whom?

—Tariq Ahmad Mirza (Srinagar).

A J. & K. is better known for its willow than its batsmen. However, in 1964, Brijender made 95 against Southern Punjab and



Rouf registered the same score against the Services.

Q WAS there any wicketkeeper called N. Rajendranath in India?

—Pramay Kumar Chhatra (Bermo).

A YES. Born on January 7, 1928, he played in an official Test against Pakistan in 1952, held a catch and effected three stumpings. He also played in three unofficial Tests against the second Commonwealth team in 1950.

Q IS G. R. Viswanath married or not?

—Namita Kapoor (Delhi).

A UNMARRIED, according to last reports. Are you interested?

Q DON'T you think it is high time Viswanath was appointed Karnataka captain?

—D. Beena (Bombay).

A PRASANNA has been doing a good job as skipper and has helped Karnataka win the Ranji Trophy for the first time. Still, Viswanath's turn may come before long.

Q HOW many runs did Viswanath score on the tour of the West Indies in 1971?

—V. K. Kesaria (Jhansi).

A VISWANATH played three Tests and scored 135 runs in five innings with 50 in the drawn third Test as his highest. On the entire tour he scored 325 in eight matches at an average of 25.00.

YOU are seated South in a light-hearted rubber-bridge game and pass as dealer with:

Q 10 2
A 10 7 6 4
8 7
9 6 2

In two rounds of bidding the opponents are in "7 hearts" on this sequence:

S	W	N	E
Pass	1NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5H	Pass	6D
Pass	7H	Pass	Pass

Surely your ears have deceived you and you patiently ask for a review of the auction after which you are satisfied you have not misheard. You double with alacrity or do you?

D. M. Khandke, a commonsense rubber-bridge player without pretensions, passed out the hand quietly and collected three tricks in hearts for a penalty of 300 instead of losing the rubber to a vulnerable slam. How right he was! This was the full hand:

9 7 6 5 4 3
9
6 4
10 8 4 3

N

K J 8	A
K Q J 5 4 3 W	E 8
A 9	K Q J 10 5 3 2
A Q	K J 7 5

S

Q 10 2
A 10 7 6 2
8 7
9 6 2

The opponents were playing an unlimited non-distributional "1NT" opening and although West bid with more optimism than science he assumed East had two Aces for his immediate Blackwood enquiry in which case the grand-slam seemed probable.



by JIMMY MEHTA

East swore in the heated post-mortem that had Khandke doubled he would have shifted to 7NT against which North would have been on lead and what do you think North would have led? "Why, a diamond, of course" as North honestly asserted—"dummy's first bid suit." 7NT is lay-down on any lead except a heart and on this bidding North might not even have had a heart to lead.

Often discretion is the better part of valour—a maxim one of my partners who has quite a few national laurels to his credit, forgot on the deal below which cropped up way back in another rubber-bridge game:

A 8 6 4
K Q J 9 8

xx
Q x

N

K J 10 9 2

xxx
xxx
xx

W

E

xxx
K xxx

Q J 10 xxx

S

Q 7 5 3

A x
A Q x x
A K x

The opponents' bidding was fast and furious 1S—4S—6S. My partner sitting West doubled and the South player who was Harshad Jhaveri shifted promptly to 6NT which was again doubled by my

partner, though this time less confidently. Harshad redoubled and after cashing his heart and minor suit winners, finessing the diamond Queen in the process, reduced the hand to this three-card ending:

A 8 6

nil
nil
nil

N

K J 10

nil
nil
nil

W

E Immaterial

S

Q 7 5

nil
nil
nil

A low spade from both hands forced West to yield declarer his twelfth trick and an expensive rubber instead of collecting two or three hundred without breathing hard.

Even in 6 spades, after the warning of a double if declarer caters to a five-nil trump break he cannot be defeated by more than one trick. Three hearts are cashed, the diamond Queen finessed and a diamond ruffed in dummy, followed by two rounds of clubs:

A 8 6

9 8
nil
nil

K J 10 9 2

nil
nil
nil

Immaterial

Q 7 5 3

nil
nil
K

The club King forces West to ruff with his nine, dummy pitching a heart and in the ensuing end-play West can take only one more trick.



by HOSEY MISTRY

1. What is the order (low to high) of the suits in bridge?
2. How many arrows did an archer shoot at the Munich Olympic Games? a) 100, b) 120 or c) 144.
3. How many times did Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney meet in a boxing ring?
4. With which sports are the fol-

lowing terms associated? a)

Fluky, b) deuce and c) ruff.

5. When did India first compete in Olympic soccer?

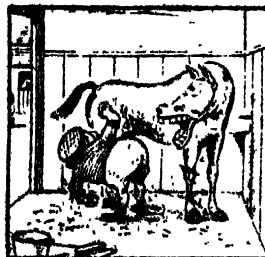
6. Which of the modern Olympic Games were not held?

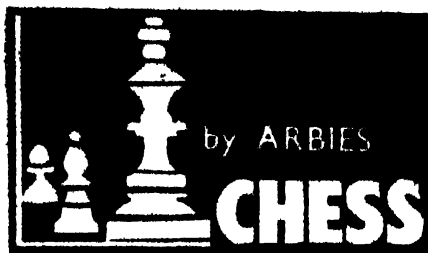
7. Who was the youngest world chess champion?

ANSWERS:

1. Clubs, diamonds, hearts and spades. 2. 144. 3. Twice. Tunney won both the bouts. 4. a) Sailing, b) tennis and c) bridge. 5. 1948. 6. 6th (1916), 12th (1940) and 13th (1944) due to the two World Wars. 7. Mikhail Tal at the age of 24.

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





SAJANDAS JOSHI's first place in the Capt. Ranade Memorial tournament at Poona, ahead of reputed players including the National Champion, is an unique achievement for a 17-year-old.

A student of Ruparel College, Sajandas with 9 points (64 players, 10 rounds), undefeated, outstripped Awate 8½, Ravi Sekhar 8, P. Thipray 7½, Bahur, P. G. Dongre and N. Neelakantan all 7.

In this game his systematic exploitation of positional advantage is remarkable

RUY LOPEZ

White: S. Joshi

Black: N. Neelakantan

1. PK4, PK4 2. NKB3, QNB3 3. BN5, PQR3 4. BR4, NB3 5. PQ3 (a), PQN4 6. BN3, BN2 (b) 7. PB3, BK2 8. ONQ2, 00 9. QK2, RK1 10. NE1, BK1 11. BN5, PR3 12. BKR4, PN4 (c) 13. BN3, PQ4 14. 000, PQN5 15. PKR4, PN5 16. NR2, PQ5? (d) 17. PQB4, PKR4 18. PB3, BE1 19. EK1, KR2 (e) 20. BQ2, BK2 21. BR4, QQ3 22. NN3, RKN1 23. EKN5, NQ1 24. NB5! (f) BxN 25. PxB, NN2 26. PxP, NB4 27. EB2, QRN1 28. BxN, QxB 29. PN5

and after 29 . . . RxP 30. PxR Black soon resigned.

(a) An unusual but solid line, one idea being 5 . . . PQ3 6. PB4.

(b) With the White KP well protected this Bishop development is not useful. Regular is . . . PQ3/BK2/00/NQR4/PB4 etc.

(c) Somewhat reckless, but Black gets some compensation for K-side weakness in the centre thrust . . . PQ4.

(d) This had to be preceded by 16 . . . PxP when Black would get good counter play in the QN-file and the diagonal a3-f8 to attack the White King.

(e) Essential was 19 . . . BR3ch to exchange his bad Bishop for White's QB.

(f) Not 24. BxN?, QxB 25. NxRP?, QR3ch. After the text move Black's position soon collapses.

ROHINI-RAVI SEKHAR

In the Sangli Tournament 12-year-old Rohini Khadilkar missed a momentous chance to topple the National Champion:

White: Kb1; Rd1; Bf3; P's-a3; b3, c4, g2, h3.

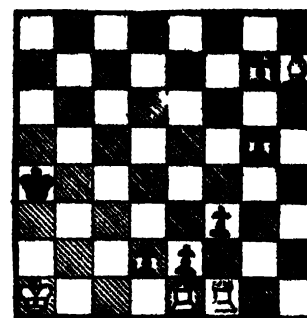
Black: Kc5; Re8; Be5; P's-a5, d6, e6, f6, h4.

Though a Pawn down Black can draw because of opposite coloured Bishops, but the champion tried to force the issue with 41 . . . Pa4?? 42. Pb4ch!, Kxc4?? 43. Be2ch, Kb3 44. Rd3ch, Bc3 45. Bd1ch, Kc4 46. Rxd6? (Rohini falters; after

6. Kc2! Black must lose the Bishop or be mated on, say, 46 . . . Bd4 or e5 47. Be2! 46 . . . Rg8 47. Rc6ch, Kd3 48. Bf3? (48. Bg4 was stronger) Be5 49. Rxe6, Rc8 50. Ra6?? (50. Bd1 should draw) Kd2! and White resigned in view of 51 . . . Rclch and 52 . . . Ra1 mate. If 51. Rxa4, Rclch, 52. Ka2, Kc2!

Last week's ending.

By S. N. Ravi Shankar



White to play and draw.

1. Rb1 (Not 1. Bd3?, Pxe1Qch, 2. Rxe1, Pf2 3. Rxe2, Pf1Qch) 1 . . . Pf2 (the threat was 2. Rxf3 followed by mate. If 1 . . . Pg4 2. Rh1, 3. Rh5ch, 4. Bd3 or c2ch and mates) 2. Rb5ch!, (2. Rxf2 fails to 2 . . . Pd1Q 3. Rf5ch, Ka6 4. Rb5 (or 3. Re5, Qd4ch) Qa4ch etc.) 2 . . . Ka6 (2 . . . Kxb5 loses to 3. Bd3ch and 4. Bxe2 and if 2 . . . Ka4 3. Bc2ch, Ka6 4. R1b1 and mates) 3. Rfb1 (not 3. Bd3, Pd1Qch) 3 . . . Pd1Q 4. Rb6ch, Ka5 5. Rb5ch, Ka4 6. Bc2ch!, Qxc2 7. Ra5ch!, Kxa5 8. Rb5ch, Ka4 9. Rb4ch, Ka3 10. Rb3ch, K or Qxb3 stalemate.

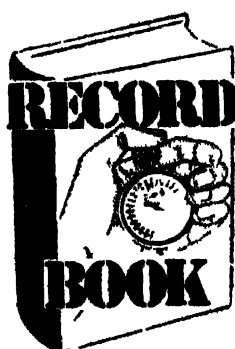
ON February 3, 1956 a young Austrian competing in the Olympic Alpine skiing contests set up a remarkable record. He was entered for all three events — slalom, giant slalom and downhill — and he won them all.

It was the first time that an Alpine skier had taken all three Olympic gold medals at one meeting. The man who accomplished this wonderful performance was 20-year-old Toni Sailer.

The 1956 Winter Olympics were held at Cortina d'Ampezzo, in the Italian Dolomites. Even during the practice periods that preceded the opening of the Games it was obvious to the experts that young Toni Sailer was an exceptional skier.

He was tall, magnificently fit, and rode his skis as though they were part of his lithe body. But what impressed onlookers most was his recklessly fearless approach to his sport.

He proved it with a stupendous winning run in the slalom and later enhanced his fast-growing reputation with an even greater ex-



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**Skiing to
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hibition of brilliantly controlled skiing in the giant slalom, to gain his second gold medal.

But it was his third outing on the Cortina slopes that brought him world fame. It was in the downhill race over a course of 3,461 metres (about 2¼ miles), with a vertical drop of 972 metres.

Perfect judgement, split second reactions and a high degree of courage are needed to tackle such a course, where one moment's lack of concentration as the skier hurtles downhill at speeds sometimes approaching 60 miles an hour, could bring disaster.

But Toni Sailer looked like a black-clad robot as he whirled and twisted in the brilliant sunshine down the glistening carpet of snow that held so many terrors for some of the other competitors. It was sensational skiing, and it brought the young Austrian his third gold medal in less than a week.

So on February 3, 1957, Toni Sailer, skied into world fame as the first man ever to win all three Olympic gold medals.

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From here and there

DEFENDING champion Arthur Ashe and Chris Evert, both of the United States, are top-seeded in the men's and women's singles respectively in the all-England Tennis Championships opening at Wimbledon.

Seedings: Men: 1. Arthur Ashe (US), 2. Jim Connors (US), 3. Ilie Nastase (Romania), 4. Bjorn Borg (Sweden), 5. Adriano Panatta (Italy), 6. Guillermo Vilas (Argentina), 7. Roscoe Tanner (US), 8. Raul Ramirez (Mexico), 9. Tom Okker (Holland), 10. John Newcombe (Aus.), 11. Eddie Dibbs (US), 12. Tony Roche (Aus.), 13. Jaime Fillol (Chile), 14. Brian Gottfried (US), 15. Jan Kodes (Czech), 16. Stan Smith (US).

Women: 1. Chris Evert (US), 2. Evonne Goolagong (Aus.), 3. Virginia Wade (Britain), 4. Martina Navratilova (Czech), 5. Olga Morozova (USSR), 6. Rosemary Casals (US), 7. Susan Barker (Britain), 8. Kerry Reid (Aus.).

FORMER England cricket captain Mike Smith has been made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Queen's

birthday list honours announced recently.

Also honoured with the OBE was Test umpire Tom Spencer and Ice skater John Curry who completed a rare treble of gold medal wins in the World, Olympic and European Figure Skating Championships last winter.

BOBBY RIGGS, the 58-year-old self-proclaimed male chauvinist of the tennis world has lost his latest challenge — this time to a 13-year-old school girl.

Riggs, who defeated Margaret Court in 1972 and later lost to Billy Jean King, was beaten 6-2 by Tracy Austin of Los Angeles in Los Angeles.

The one-set match was a warm up to a professional tournament between the Los Angeles Strings and the Idiana Loves.

Miss Austin, national champion in the 14-and-under girls' group and winner of 130 trophies, out-rallied Riggs constantly from the baseline. She broke his service twice at the outset to lead 4-0.

STAR Indian hockey player Govinda recently broke his collar-bone during a training match against Spain in Paris.

M. Claude Windal, Technical Director of the French Hockey Federation, said after the accident: "We will do everything in our power to ensure that he will be okay for the Olympic Games in Montreal."

"We are arranging for specialists to go round and examine him."

In the training match, played in two halves of 20 minutes each, India defeated Spain 2-0.

Later India, fielding a team consisting mainly of reserves, soundly thrashed a Paris selection team 5-0 after leading 2-0 at half-time.

The IHF has no intention of bringing back Govinda, IHF Gen. Secretary Abel David said.

The Indian team manager, Wing Commander Bhola and coach Gurbux were being advised not to expose the players to any more exhibition matches to avoid injuries to other players, he said.

MARRIAGE and retirement from cricket coincide for Australia's former fast bowler Graham McKenzie. His fiancée, South African Renette Kriel, sister of former Miss World, Anneline Kriel, joined him in Perth, Western Australia, in April this year to prepare for the wedding and their future in Perth, according to an Australian Information release.

"A fast bowler burns himself out fairly quickly," McKenzie said. "I've had a marvellous time in cricket, but now I'm looking forward to settling down."

His new job is in real estate-buying, selling and development.



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The target: five golds



KORNELIA ENDER, East Germany's superstar, is now poised to make Olympic swimming history by winning five gold medals in the women's events at Montreal next month.

Miss Ender, 17, destroyed medal hopes and aspirations right round the globe by smashing five world records during the recent national championships in East Berlin.

The 100 metres freestyle went in 55.73 secs.; she became the first woman through the two-minute barrier by taking the 200 metres freestyle in 1 min 59.78 secs.; she set new 100 metres backstroke (61.62 secs.) and butterfly (60.13 secs.) world records; and the fifth world best came in the 200 metres individual medley in 2 mins. 17.14 secs.

In Montreal I expect "Konnie" to take the 100 and 200 metres freestyle titles, plus the 100 metres butterfly to join the all-time greats of America's Debbie Meyer and Shane Gould, of Australia.

Debbie took a golden treble in Mexico 1968, while Shane came away with three titles in Munich 1972.

But Miss Ender should go on from there to earn two more golds in the 4 x 100 metres freestyle and

4 x 100 metres medley relays to bring her total to a shattering five.

Bedford's Charlie Wilson, who has just been appointed third coach to Britain's 39-strong swimming squad, says:

"Kornelia is a beautifully built athlete. Because she is nearly six-foot tall she looks slim. But in close-up you can see she has a tremendously powerful build.

"Technically she is very good, though not the most stylish swimmer. But power, technique and a fantastic will to win make her one of the all-time greats."

Wilson, who coaches British Olympians Brian Brinkley, our all-rounder, and breast-stroke girl Christine Jarvis, has noted with immense respect the 17 world records set in the East German championships.

The most significant for Wilson was the 200-metre butterfly in 1 min. 59.63 secs. by Roger Pyttell. It was the first time a man has gone under two minutes in this event, which is Brinkley's main hope for a medal.

Wilson says frankly: "Some time ago I forecast that the Olympic 200-metre butterfly gold would be won in something between 1 min. 58 secs. and 1 min 59 secs.

—SYDNEY HULLS

SPORTSWEEK'S SPOT—THE—BALL CONTEST...3

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Of flared pants & happy smiles

FROM Mexico to Montreal This could have been the sticker on the brief case of bespectacled Gurbux Singh. Eight years ago the full-back, whose lunges were a very destructive weapon, had the rare honour of being appointed joint captain of India's hockey team for the Olympics with another great defender Prithipal Singh.

Today he is the coach of the team which is beaming with enthusiasm and confidence. At the airport in 1968, Gurbux, though the joint leader of the side, was seen doing the job of the manager for the then incumbent, a major general. The way Gurbux managed affairs at the Air India counter and the customs enclosure — he is a customs officer in Calcutta — was a treat to watch. It was improved upon on the night of June 1 this year when the Indian hockey team left for Paris en route to Montreal for the Olympic Games.

Unlike in the past this team left with all the blessings and encouragement that a side, which hopes to regain the gold medal, needed. And if any one deserves credit for this it is IHF president M. A. M. Ramaswamy. There were signs of discontentment on the faces of the players when they arrived in Bombay on the night of May 31.

The reason was that they were forced to wear some ill-fitting garments given by the Indian Olym-

pic Association MAM gave each a sum of over Rs 400 and before the India team played its last exhibition match at the Bombay Gymkhana, the players went on a quick shopping spree.

Having had this satisfaction, the players revealed their happiness by their performance on the lush

green Bombay Gymkhana turf before a full house.

The president and the secretary travelled along with the members of the team from the hotel to the airport in the same coach, though these two officials could have had the luxury of an air conditioned car. I remember just before the



State Bank hosted a reception in honour of the Montreal-bound hockey team, seen here with P. C. D. Nambiar, president, SBI Sports Control Board (fifth from right). Below Chief Justice T. V. Tatachari hands over the kit to B. P. Govinda, presented by Hansraj Mahajan to all the players.



departure of the team for Munich the then president of the IHF just found time to bid good bye to the team which was almost stranded at the airport. Thanks to the service rendered by S. M. Shankar of the Indian Airlines — he was again there this time — the team could be billeted at the airport hotel. The then president had not even done the elementary duty of informing the Bombay Hockey Association of the team's arrival from Bangalore.

Not only did MAM and his secretaries, David and Dayakisen, accompany the team in the coach, but they also ensured a "fragrant" send-off. Each player embraced his affectionate president.

The only unhappy sight was the blazers that the players sported. They lacked the colour that lends smartness and confidence to the wearer. And one asked the question: is the physical conditioning expert Jagmohan Singh, who one learns is making the trip as masseur, entitled to wear India colours and also enjoy the benefits the players rightly have? Like Jesting Pilate, I will not wait for an answer.

—SW Correspondent

OLYMPIC ATHLETES...4

Sonia Lannaman

SHE lives with her mother and father, three brothers and two sisters at No 6 in one of those grey Victorian streets which the fearful see as the front line in a British summer of racial tension

Her accent is of a Brummagem so strong that even Beryl Reid might stumble to reproduce every nuance

And having seen her run with great, power laden strides, it is startling to learn that only recently has she conquered an agonising battle with bronchitis

Sonia Lannaman, the black superstar of British athletics, is full of such surprises

At 20, she has exploded as one of our most viable hopes of Olympic gold at Montreal And Sonia, in an area of human endeavour where the problem of the ego so often outweighs such mundanities as an exhausted body, shows an astonishing self possession

She breaks from her duties as an office worker to tell me "Suddenly I'm among the favourites for Montreal It is all a little bit unreal But I know I can deal with it

"You see, I have discovered that running can give me such pleasure, in such an uncomplicated way, that I'm prepared to give my self to it completely

"My bronchitis has cleared up Some nagging injuries, which have pulled me back since 1972, have gone away and I'm just determined to ride my good fortune

"I've seen places I never dreamed of I'm beating people I never thought I could There's no pressure It's lovely, and I'm determined to enjoy it however long it lasts"

In fact, at a time when to be young and black adds to the stresses of life, Sonia Lannaman is well placed to deliver encouraging evidence that the immigrant population can confidently contribute to British sporting prestige

It was not so with her spectacular forerunner Marilyn Neufville, the Jamaican girl who smashed world records in the colours of Britain, then found an irresistible urge to run in the cause of the island of her birth

For that emotional and doubtlessly sincere decision, Marilyn Neufville was engulfed in an ugly furor

No such have obscures Miss Lannaman's progress to Montreal



Sonia Lannaman explodes from the blocks, watched by coach Charles Taylor

"My parents come from Jamaica but I'm British It is as simple as that

"Marilyn was born in Jamaica, so she may have had conflicts I don't know anywhere else but England, and I'm proud to represent my country"

It is a simple statement, and hopefully the keynote speech to an era when increasingly Britain will be represented by black athletes

Certainly at a time when our athletic medal yield at Montreal promises to be amongst the most frugal, it is good to know that Sonia Lannaman's approach could scarcely be more serene

She is the idol of her street in Moseley, Birmingham, but for her father Cecil, a shift worker at a factory, there is no tendency to erect pedestals

He says "Sonia deserves her success because she works hard and is very dedicated There is no chance that this success will go to her head"

The evidence is impressive One of the few front line English athletes to make the daunting trip to Kiev last month, she then produced pulverising form to finish the 100 metres in 10.75, a world record but for wind assistance, only to say "I beat some good people in Kiev, but I'm not getting carried away

"I beat Renate Stecher in Split, Yugoslavia, the other week, but only a fool would believe that that will mean anything in Montreal I still have everything to do, you see"

Her coach, Charles Taylor, is determined to protect her from pre-Olympic pressure, and her team manager, Marea Hartman, also tends to wrap around a protective arm

Their fears may be a little excessive

Sonia Lannaman may be moving very quickly, but there would seem to be no question about her sense of direction

—JAMES LAWTON

No new records

CHANDIGARH:

WITH the mercury rising to over 100 °F in the afternoon it is no season for an athletic meet in the North. Yet it speaks volumes for the courage of Indian and Sri Lanka athletes that they braved the sweltering heat at Chandigarh during the two days of the 4th Indo-Sri Lanka Athletic Meet early this month.

The meet was originally allotted to Ahmedabad, but as the hosts declined, Punjab took over and



Left: K. G. Badra, sprint queen from Lanka, winning the 200 metres. Right: Sriram Singh winning the 800 metres

Chandigarh was selected as the venue.

No new records were expected to be broken during the meet. Hence the enthusiasm of the public was not great. A few thousand spectators turned up on both days. The interest centred round the 'fastest man' and the 'sprint queen' of the meet, besides the duel between Montreal-bound Sriram Singh and Asian champion W. Wimaladasa of Sri Lanka. True to expectations, K. G. Badra, the sprint queen from Sri Lanka won the three sprint events for women — 100m, 200m and 400m. In the first, she equalled the Indian timing of 12 seconds.

Gunasekharan of India led the field all the way to become the fastest man of the meet with a timing of 10.5 seconds in the 100 m. The crowd was on its toes during the 400 and 800 metres for men.

Sriram Singh took an early lead in the former and maintained it till the end to outpace W. Wimaladasa, the Asian Games record-holder. In the 800 m., Sriram Singh had a comfortable lead over his rivals and won the event in 1 minute 47.3 seconds.

As expected, Indian throwers (men) outshone their rivals from Sri Lanka. Though the towering Praveen Kumar was conspicuous by his absence (he is reported to be contemplating entering films),



Raghubir Singh and Avtar Singh bagged the first two positions for India in the discus throw. Another stalwart to attract attention was Bahadur Singh, who hurled the iron ball to a distance of 18.63 metres and in the process bettered his own Asian Games record set at Tehran. In fact he crossed the 18-metre mark thrice in his six throws. Other athletes to merit mention were Geeta Zutshi (India) who won the 800 m. for women and Usha Rani (high jump). To the disappointment of the spectators, Hari Chand and T. C. Yohannan did not participate though they were in the Indian contingent.

Such athletic meets can serve a useful purpose only if held at shorter intervals — this meet was the fourth in 36 years! The first and third were held in Colombo in 1940 and 1974 while the second was hosted by India in 1946.

—M. P. VERMA

Cricketers of the week...4

BIRTHS

June 20

R. B. Desai (Ind) 1939

June 21

G. V. Gunn (Eng) 1905

J.H. Edrich (Eng) 1937

J. T. Botten (SA) 1938

June 22

C. T. Sarwate (Ind) 1920

H. J. Rhodes (Eng) 1936

June 23

Sir L. R. Hutton (Eng) 1916

R. W. Blair (NZ) 1923

Asif Masood (Pak) 1946

June 24

G. D. MacKenzie (Aus) 1941

June 25

I. B. Cromb (NZ) 1905

J. C. Hill (Aus) 1923

W. V. Rodriguez (WI) 1934

June 26

A. E. Relf (Eng) 1874

H. D. Bromfield (SA) 1933

V. V. Kumar (Ind) 1935

DEATHS

June 21

M. A. Noble (Aus) 1940

June 22

S. G. Shinde (Ind) 1955

June 24

J. A. Dunning (NZ) 1971.

—K. ISWARA DUTT

THE Punjab Government has donated a sum of Rs. 2,000 to the Sports Journalists Federation of India so that the newly-formed national body can get on the move. At last month's meeting held in Delhi, it was decided that the J. K. Bose Memorial Cricket Tournament will be held in Bombay and it is likely that the competition will be held immediately after the final Test against England.

At this meeting, which had R. Sriman (The Times of India, Delhi) in the chair, the draft constitution of the Federation was approved. The meeting, which was attended by K. R. Wadhwaney, Secretary — Indian Express, Delhi), S. K. Sham (vice-president — Free Press, Bombay), Sham Sunder Ghose (joint secretary—Statesman, Calcutta) and C. K. Menon (treasurer, The Times of India, Bombay) co-opted Santosh Sil (Bengal) and T. N. Pillay (Andhra Pradesh). Five more members from the five zones will complete the committee, which is likely to meet again in Hyderabad.

The Federation was admitted as the 74th member of the international body at the Munich meeting in May.

ACCORDING to a news item, the government has given permission to the Cricket Club of India to conduct dog races at the now disused Brabourne Stadium.

So I told my dog, Bolshoi the Boxer: "You better get up early from tomorrow and start training. The best would be 5 a.m., that is when all the horses also do their "track work."

Said Bolshoi: "I am not a horse and, if you think you are going to make me run with some stupid dogs, you are mistaken."

I said: "Every time we take up something new, we feel a little diffident. But take my word for it, after the first few days of training, you will be a different dog."

Bolshoi said: "Can't you understand I am not interested in racing. It does not mean anything to me."

I said: "All your life you wanted to be somebody, a dog with an identity. And now, when fame and fortune are in your lap, you turn them down."

"I don't care," said Bolshoi.

"Think," I said, "think of millions of people sitting in the east stand and the north stand and retired cricketers in the club house all cheering you. You will be the hot favourite of the public and

BUZZING AROUND

by BUSYBEE

people will put all their money on you and be happy when you win. Your photograph will appear in the newspapers."

"I think there is nothing more silly than dog races," said Bolshoi. "And if the CCI cannot think of anything else to do with its stadium, it should wind up and sell it to the Bombay Cricket Association."

I said: "That is no way to talk about a club which has done so much for Indian cricket. The next thing, you will be talking about Mr. Wankhede's club like this. It would never do. Anyway I would like you to stop eating too much and get in shape before the dog-racing season starts."

Said Bolshoi: "I will eat what I like."

So I explained to him: "Look, if you enter the races, you will be-

come friendly with all the other dogs and get all the inside information and know who is going to win and who is not. Then you can tell me and I will back the dog who is going to win and make a lot of money."

Bolshoi said: "That's cheating. You are asking me to participate in a swindle on the public. When you bought me, I never thought this was the use you were going to put me to."

"There is nothing wrong with it," I said. "Everybody does that, even horses do it. Besides, I am pretty broke and I need the money badly."

"I am still not going to race," said Bolshoi.

"Very well," I said. "If you will not race for me, I will buy a horse."

HEARD THIS ONE?

You will always find the optimist in any crowd. Like the chap who saw his team's goalkeeper beaten once again. As those around him hurled insults at the goalkeeper, the optimist asked: Why should he bother to stop it? The net does it just as well.

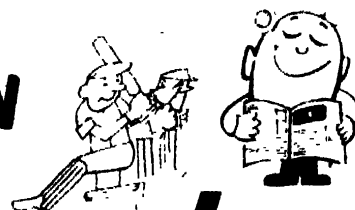
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L'affaire Kindo

WILL the Indian Hockey Federation conduct an inquiry into the reasons why Michael Kindo was compelled to drop out of the Indian hockey team for Montreal? The reported negligence of the NIS doctor is shocking. Is this the same doctor who was responsible for the injury to Charles? Can't anything be done to ensure that proper medical treatment is available to the country's best players?

—D. K. Rathod (Baroda)

Tiring tour

WAS it really necessary for the Indian hockey team to undertake a strenuous one-month pre-Olympic tour of Europe? While granting that this will enable the players to get accustomed to the conditions and particularly to the new astro-turf, will it not also tire them physically and mentally? Besides, have we considered the adverse psychological impact that any defeat on this tour will have on the minds and morale of the players? And done one wonders whether this was the right move. But, to give credit where it's due, the IIF must be lauded for ensuring that the team lands in Montreal well in time for the Games. The practice sessions before the tournament, in my opinion, be far more helpful than all the tiring matches on the European trip.

—Frederick De Souza
(Bangalore).

Neutral Umpires

READER D. D. Dubash's suggestion (May 30) that a panel of neutral umpires be appointed is a good one. It will help to set at rest all controversies and create a healthier attitude towards umpires. If there were neutral umpires in that bouncer-packed fourth Test at Sabina Park, I don't think the situation would have got out of hand as it did.

—G. P. Mahapatra
(Puri, Orissa).

Official apathy

THOUGH government can intervene to effect changes for the better on the Indian sports scene ultimately, it is the sports official who has to work for the improvement of our sport. All too often, our sports officials move one step forward, two steps back. Take cricket, for example. The under-22 tourney is no doubt an excellent idea, but isn't the very purpose defeated if we prepare slow wickets for these matches? Or football. Some time back, the AIFF was unhappy when the government refused to clear the Indian team for a trip abroad. Yet now, the manner in which the AIFF has allowed the 'tamasha' of the south India circuit to continue and the way in which the IFA has refused to release Bengal players for the Merdeka, indicates that government's earlier stand is justified. It's time for all this to stop now.

—A. G. Kanetkar (Bombay)

Unhealthy precedent

IT is most disgusting to note that once again the IFA has refused to release the Calcutta players for camps to select teams for trips abroad. One can't understand how anyone can place local interests above those of the country. Why should India always be denied the best available talent?

The IFA policy could set a very dangerous and unhealthy precedent, for if other associations followed suit, where would that leave Indian football? It is thus AFI's responsibility to put a stop to this unfortunate trend. AFI must be empowered to deal effectively with any association that works against the national interest.

—Sushil Sethi (Calcutta)

The drive for fast bowlers

SPORTSWEEK has always risen to the occasion—and this time, as the hockey team set out in quest of the Olympic gold, is no exception. Your offer of a cash prize to the families of the team is a real incentive to the players. Now, why don't you turn our attention to the problem of unearthing some fast bowlers in this country? So much has been said and written about it, but precious little done. It would therefore be a resounding slap on the faces of our administrators if SPORTSWEEK were able to do something in the matter—take it up with the concerned authorities and make sure that proper action is taken.

—Milind Wagle (Bombay).

Unfair to Taiwan

I WANT to bring to the attention of your readers the injustice being done to Taiwan in almost every branch of international sport. Now, the Asian Badminton Federation wants to include China in the international body. This is a good move, provided Taiwan is not ousted.

The ousting of Taiwan to admit China is against all principles governing sport. The aim should be to spread sport to every corner of the world—instead, we are willing to throw out one country to accommodate another. What saddens me is that the move for the ouster of Taiwan is not motivated by considerations of discipline but of politics.

—Jonathan Rao (Calcutta)

Headgear? — Silly

I DISAGREE with the views expressed by reader K. G. Mathew (June 6) on the topic of headgear for batsmen. I think it is a silly proposition for a batsman to wear such protective head gear. By using such headgear, the batsman invites trouble since the bowler is then virtually free to bowl as many bouncers as he likes, reasoning that since the batsman is well protected, he can let go!

—J. V. S. Rao (New Delhi)

Sunil's 1000?

I HOPE Sunil Gavaskar becomes one of the few batsmen to score a thousand runs in Tests in a year. So far in 1976 he has scored 650 runs and with four Tests to go before the year ends there is a good chance that he will reach that coveted target.

—Bijit Choudhury (Gauhati)

Keen interest

I WAS rather surprised to read that both Tony Greig and Geoff Arnold are very keen about coming to India. Greig feels that the trip will help him to improve his technique against spin whilst Arnold wants to experiment with his 'in' and 'out' swingers. Welcome, all ye Englishmen!

—Ajay Saxena (Bhopal).

Olympic athletes

THE Olympic Athletes feature (23rd May) has one error... it is not Jamaican Julius Sang, but Julius Sang of Kenya. He was Kenya's anchor man in the 4 x 400 metres relay in the 1972 Munich Olympics and won a gold medal for Kenya.

—Gurjender Singh Jabbar
(Nairobi, Kenya).



by RAILBIRD

TO Regency Gold went the distinction of winning the first Classic of the Bangalore Summer Meeting, the 1,600 metres Fillies Trial Stakes, and while there is no denying that Srikantadatta Nar-simharaja Wadiyar's Glory of Andhra-Equity chestnut won on merit she just about made it. And although Noble Princess, her half-sister, finally proved her ability to stay Regency Gold's stamina is definitely suspect and only the wildest optimist can give her a chance in the 2,000 metres Bangalore Derby.

In fact, although the 2 to 1 favourite Aristocracy was travelling very well at the close, so well in fact that many thought that Karansingh had given her too much to do in the run-in, none of the fillies can be considered for the Derby.

Aristocracy got up in time to peg back Imphal by a short head and to finish one and a quarter lengths behind Regency Gold, who clocked the good time of 1 minute, 41 seconds on firm going. Spanish Dancer ran the best race of her career when finishing fourth.

Aristocracy understandably went out as the favourite as she was the winner of five races in a row, her latest victory being easily gained over Class Three opponents. Regency Gold, on the other hand,

Regency Gold wins, but..

had been sparingly raced because of leg trouble. She won her maiden race on the Bangalore track and then ran a neck behind the unextended Aristocracy at level weight in the 1,200 metres K. Srinivasan Memorial Cup.

She had won from both her earlier starts during the current campaign and has now become the first to complete a hat-trick here. Shafiq took her to the front when the field had settled down and his sagacity in obtaining a sizeable lead on entering the straight finally enabled her to land the rich prize. Imphal was always in the front bunch of runners while Aristocracy raced about eight in the 12-horse field and only started to lengthen her strides midway in the straight.

Karansingh, who rode her, was so exhausted after the race that he was unable to meet his engagements in the two subsequent races and the question arises whether he was fit enough to do justice to Aristocracy. He had hard rides in each of the five earlier races and one wonders whether it is wise, apart from being tight and proper, for jockeys to accept so many mounts in a day.

Imphal ran well above expectations, Reprint did not. Of course, there was no basis on form for the support which she received, all of it stemming from the fact that she had finished well ahead of Imphal in each of her pre-race work-outs. Star Appeal's fifth was most promising and she is a ready-made winner whenever saddled.

Zareer Darashah, who is having an excellent season, has done very well with Regency Gold and it is worth recording that when R. M. Puttanna, with whom Wadiyar's horses were stabled, died there was

a rather unseemly scramble for these well-bred youngsters and G. Chandrasekaran even moved his headquarters from Calcutta in the hope of getting them. Darashah was not amongst those who sought the animals and he was lucky that they were offered to him. Needless to say, Wadiyar, who is the son of the late Maharaja of Mysore, was equally fortunate in his choice of trainer.

Has success come too soon to Vasant Shinde? No jockey of his calibre, and certainly none of the experience of, say Jagdish, would have ridden Al Mabrouk with such jaunty cockiness as he did. He never had to do much to get the grey well clear of his maiden rivals in the lower division of the 1,200 metres Malabar Plate but he certainly should have taken the elementary precautions of peeping over his shoulder at what was behind him. This he failed to do and in his attempt to ride to the gallery the colt went down by a head to Shoulder to Shoulder, whom Karansingh persevered with to the bitter end.

Shinde went down further than the horse. He was immediately suspended pending an enquiry and when the Stewards did consider his case they decided to withdraw his licence, which means that he is warned off. In the circumstances the authorities had no option but to impose the maximum penalty, something which the Bombay Stewards did nearly 20 years ago when Lionel Davison, on the piping hot favourite Army and Navy, went down to Hurricane (Hanumansingh up) in similar fashion. Shinde now has plenty of time in which to ruminate on his stupidity. His was a clear case of gross negligence.



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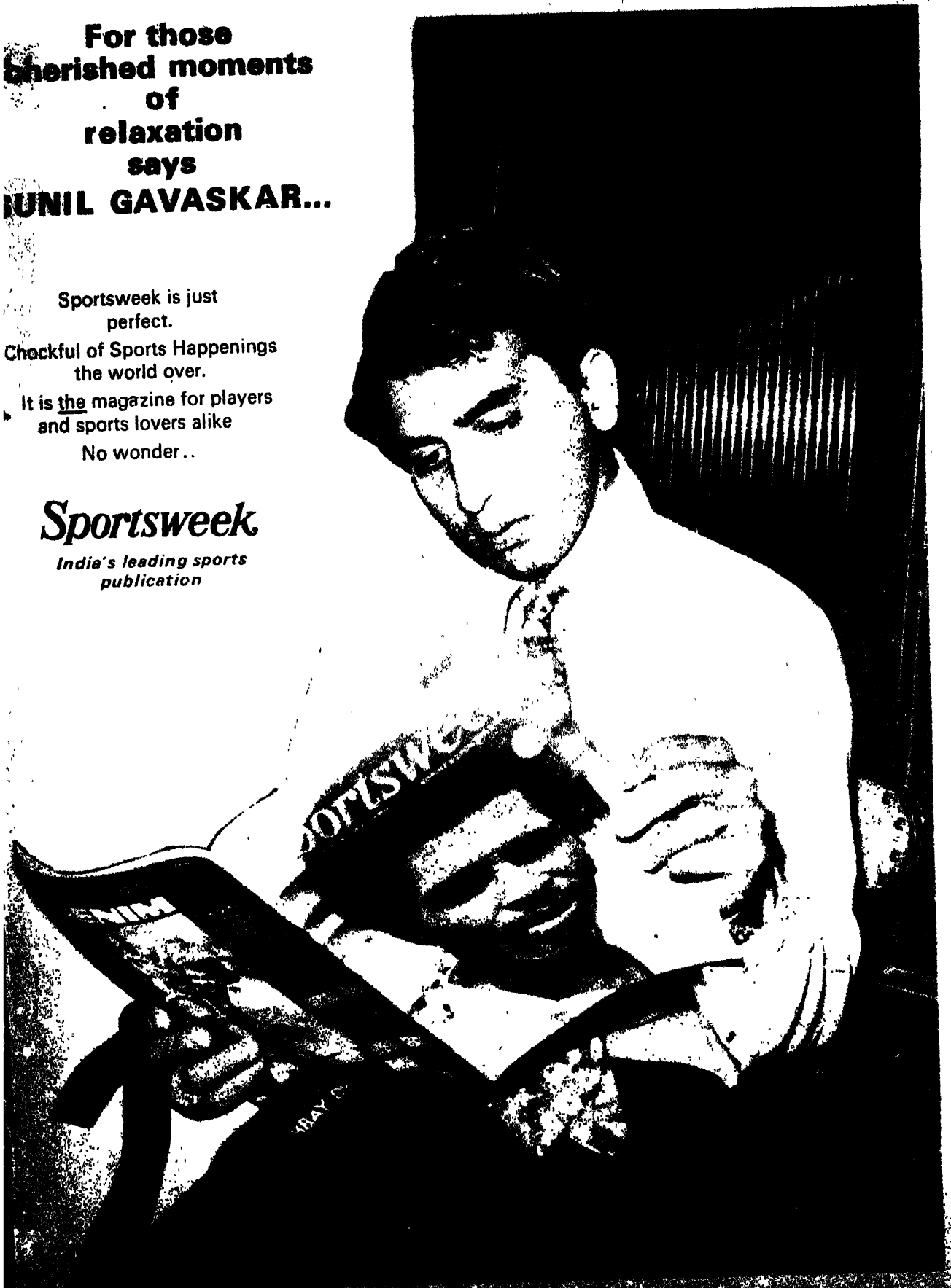
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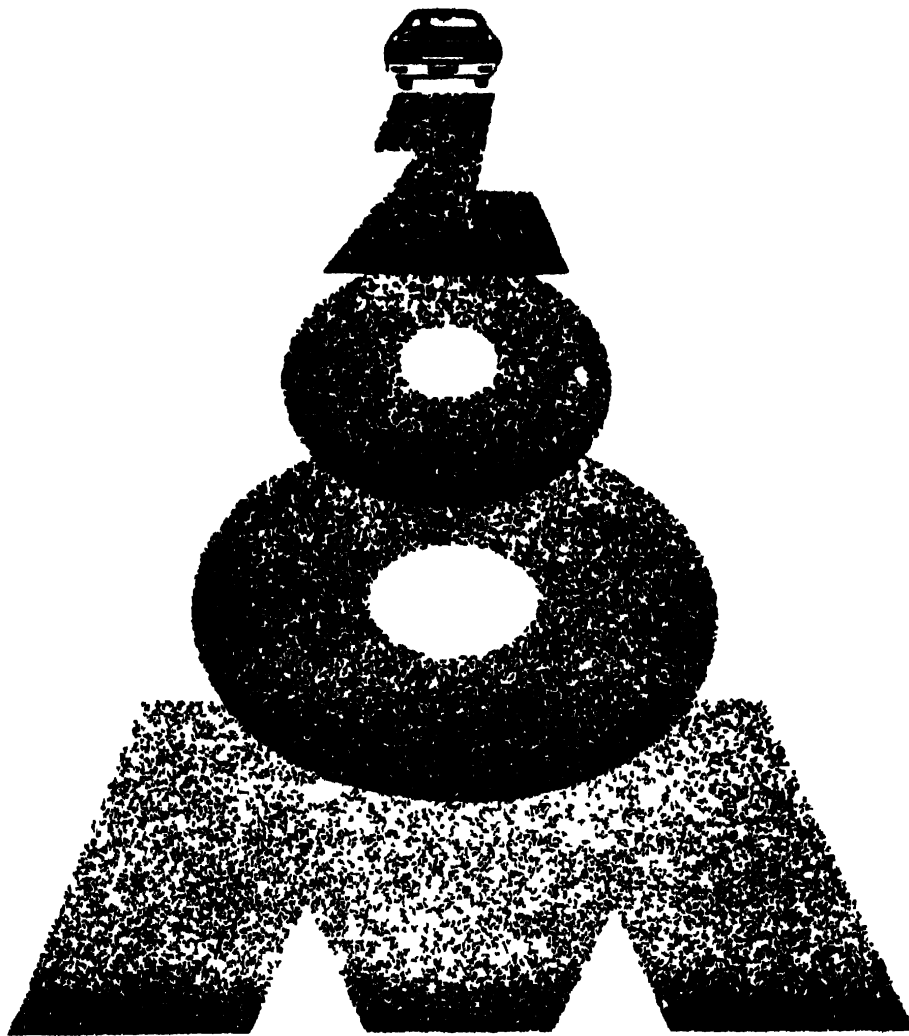
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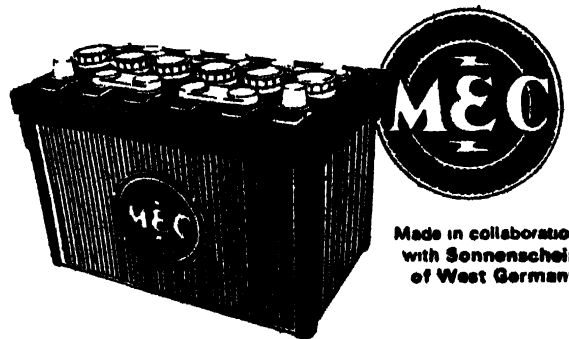
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COVER: David Steele, the man who blunted the Aussie pace attack of Lillee and Thomson is doing much the same to their West Indian counterparts Roberts and Holding. Pic: Sporting Pictures (UK) Ltd.

Olympic Specials

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Lord's Test detail coverage and pics next week.

SHARAD KOTNIS:

Can we watch the Olympics on TV, please?

THE coverage of sports on Doordarshan, or Indian television, to put it in plain English, is quite adequate when it comes to sports events at home but if one hopes to get a close-up of events abroad (door), there's no denying the fact the Indian viewers are practically starved.

The bi-weekly sports round-up is most unsatisfactory. Most often it is confined to insignificant foreign events like motor racing, skiing and other sports which have little or no following in the country. TV viewers feel let down when they think of the Olympics, the World Cup hockey, Wimbledon or our cricket team's tours. Recently, during the twin-tour of New Zealand and the West Indies, all we saw was the last Test at Kingston, only one out of the seven Tests played on the tour. During the second World Cup hockey in Amsterdam and the third in Kuala Lumpur all we saw was the final — albeit the most important match — and a couple of earlier matches. This was hardly enough, especially when we recall those heart warming days, when high and low, big and small sat glued to radios and transistors gobbling every word that Melville D'Mello and Jasdev Singh poured out.

Now the Montreal Olympics are round the corner. What are the arrangements the TV authorities have made to take us closer to the exploits of the hockey team, the athletes, the boxers and the shooters? So far there has been no word. But if we are to go by TV's performance over the last five years we cannot expect much. This is indeed a sorry state of affairs for millions will be interested in seeing how our hockey team shapes in the earlier matches on the new 'astro-turf'.

We believe detailed coverage can be arranged with a bit of planning and foresight. Of course, the financial aspects could be a big burden. But then what are sponsors for? If AIR could bring us a ball by ball description of the cricket Tests from the Caribbean with the sponsorship of Dunlop, is it too much to ask the TV authorities to do likewise?

Perhaps TV can also explore the possibility of having reciprocal arrangements with foreign networks. Why not seek the help of our diplomatic missions abroad in this respect?

And so while sports-lovers in America, Britain, Europe, Australia and other sports-loving nations are assured of a ring-side seat to the thrills at Montreal, we in India, will in all probability have to envy them and those of us fortunate enough, or rich enough to have made the trip. Not for us the quiet evening at home, with the family around and a few friends thrown in, the dream of watching India grab a gold or two at far-away Montreal? Is it still too late to do anything, ye men at Doordarshan?

Lordly canter, then . . .

from TONY COZIER

A last-hour burst

LONDON:

THE West Indians survived, after a belated though gallant attempt to win the rain-affected second Test against England at Lord's.

The West Indians, requiring 323 runs to win in 295 minutes, finished at 241 for six after skipper Clive Lloyd surprisingly claimed the extra half hour, seemed hell bent on forcing a win, and then fought tooth and nail, through Deryck Murray and Vanburn Holder to force a draw.

When Lloyd claimed the extra

time his side still needed 120 runs off 12 overs with eight wickets in hand. But after Roy Fredericks had fallen for 138 and Lloyd was dismissed after a furious 33, the West Indians gave up the chase, which they began much too late. However, England captain Tony Greig now wanted to play on.

The fieldsmen crowded the batsmen and some were within touching distance of Bernard Julien when he was bowled by Underwood in the 16th of the last 20 overs. Larry Gomes was bowled by Underwood in the 18th over. Then Murray and Holder foiled England from snatching what

would have been an astonishing win.

All through the morning and afternoon there seemed a strange lack of urgency on the part of both sides. First England dawdled for 55 minutes before being bowled out for 254 setting the West Indians a target of 323 in 295 minutes. Then Fredericks, Greenidge and Kallicharran batted as though victory was the last thing on their minds. England's approach to the first few mandatory overs appeared to be part of a "lay to rest" formality till suddenly the Test came to life in a frenzy.

First Lloyd, then Fredericks, started throwing their bats at everything served up to them. The field dropped back till Greig had nine men patrolling the boundaries, then things turned topsy-turvy with the exit of Lloyd and Fredericks, and Julien, Murray and Gomes had the Englishmen breathing down their backs, with Greig scenting victory. In the end it was another draw.

At the close of the second day's play when England had established the ascendancy with a lead of 95 and all their second innings wickets standing, they were singing "Rule Britannia," "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Jerusalem" in the crowd and shouting for their heroes to come onto the balcony. Only the Queen and Prince Philip were missing from the patriotic fervour.

Unfortunately the Royal couple chose the fourth day to pay their annual visit to the headquarters of the game. Like 17,000 fellow spectators they must have been thoroughly bored by proceedings and baffled by England's tactics. In six hours, they added 196 runs off 83 overs, hardly the progress of a team in a winning position.

It was little wonder that, at the end of the day, Friday's fervent cheering had turned to disillusioned shouts of "Get on with it England" and others of unprintable phrasing.

It was not to say that England's batsmen were making the effort and were being denied by defensive West Indian tactics. Lloyd, in fact, often set fields of six close catchers and had Jumadeen on for 16 overs early in the day with a slip, a short leg and a forward short-leg.

So far in the series, the absence



Brian Close . . . silenced his critics with a typically gritty knock in England's first innings

of real class in England's batting has been evident, but at no time more markedly than here. As well as Roberts, especially, and the others bowled, one could not help but wonder how Dexter, May, Cowdrey and Graveney might have approached the situation in the late 1950's and early 1960's.

And if that can be said of England little better can be reported of the West Indian batting in the first innings. Cricket's headquarters, packed almost to capacity, saw the best and worst of the West Indians. They let the England tail wag, then in typical (hooking) fashion saw Fredericks fall to the second ball of the innings only to be revived through a massive counter-assault by Greenidge and Lloyd. Yet that was only temporary and the West Indian innings folded in the face of demanding bowling from Snow, who was a man inspired and Underwood who gave absolutely nothing away.

Make it with us

THE next six weeks are like a sports-lover's dream what with Wimbledon (June 21 to July 3), the Montreal Olympics (July 17 to August 1) and the England West Indies Test matches up to August 17.

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Our man in Montreal will be

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SPORTSWEEK will also produce two Olympic Specials with extra pages in the issues dated July 4 and July 18 to bring you up-to-date on who's who at the Montreal Games.

Make sure of your copies today. No matter how you look at it, you just cannot afford to miss SPORTSWEEK.

It's crisis time for Tony Greig

TONY GREIG, so recently the golden, lionised boy of English cricket, knows he is fighting for his life as a Test skipper.

He nods with a smile of sardonic agreement when you suggest the banner he was so eagerly given to carry against the West Indians is beginning to resemble a can.

And he admits "I know there are some people saying I don't know enough to be captain of England, but I have been waiting for such criticisms since I took the job. I have known it has only been a matter of time.

"In fact, the moment I heard I had got the job, I said to my wife, 'You've seen me being built up, now watch me being knocked down'.

"But I'm lucky I can take it. I have seen it happen to the three

English captains I have played under — Ray Illingworth, Tony Lewis and Mike Denness.

"It's a habit we have in English cricket, and I accepted the job with open eyes."

Greig is certainly giving no signs of cracking under the pressure that has come with criticism of his tactics, his advocacy of the Brian Close recall, and a run of form which has become embarrassing.

Set against a Test background, this form adds up to one of the great crises of his career.

In 11 innings before the Lord's Test he had gleaned just 165 runs at an average of 15, and seven wickets have come only at the murderous rate of 68.71 runs each.

But Greig is emphatic: "This build-up will not affect the way I approach the West Indians.

"I believe there are two crucial aspects to leading a side. One is to think things out clearly in your own mind, and then do what you believe is right.

"The other is to listen to and examine constructive criticism.

"If I do have a strength it is that I am geared to take knocks and criticism. I accept it as part of the game, and do not get upset when someone says what he truly believes.

"I know we face a tremendous challenge if we are to beat the West Indians in this series, and the challenge is a very personal one for me.

"I know what is at stake. But I will do it in the way I think best — and I will not lose my nerve."

—JAMES LAWTON

But this England side is not built for attack. They just could not press home the advantage of an unexpected first innings lead. Their batting was soon in the doldrums again with Steele, Close and Brearley all making batting look extraordinarily difficult and the rest just not surviving. Roberts, no doubt well supported by a still-weak Holding, Julien and Holder, but where England failed was on the fourth day when they just couldn't or wouldn't "get on with the game."

The West Indians, after their dismal failure in the first innings, could well be happy with a drawn result, but there were times early on the fifth day when one felt that a slightly more positive approach could have put them in the driver's seat by the final hour.



Roy Fredericks . . . ton at Lord's

Vijay out

VIJAY AMRITRAJ made an early exit from Wimbledon '76 when Charles Pasarell knocked him out in the second round 6-4, 6-2, 6-4. Vijay had won his first round match beating Francois Jauffret of France 9-8, 6-3, 6-4.

Sashi Menon sank British hearts and hopes when he eliminated Roger Taylor 5-7, 6-2, 9-8, 2-6, 10-8 in the first round, while J. Royappa, making his Wimbledon debut, lost to Mark Farrell 4-6, 2-6, 4-6 in the first round. Menon, however, went down to South Africa's Bernie Mitton 8-6, 6-2, 6-1 in the second round.

Earlier Anand Amritraj had failed to make the grade when he lost to Chris Cachel 4-6, 9-8, 4-5 in the qualifying round.

ARTHUR ASHE

(U.S.) 32

HIS single minded devotion to the idea that he was going to win last year paid off when he dethroned Jimmy Connors in the final.

Has now achieved most of his title ambitions in the game and has not, perhaps, the same motivation as in the past.

Even so, he will take some stopping because his game is admirably suited to grass.

FOUR-YEAR FORM: 1975 Final beat Connors; 1974 Round 3 lost to Tanner; 1973 DNP; 1972 DNP

JIMMY CONNORS

(U.S.) 23

HAD a frustrating 1975 when he lost all his major titles—Australian, Wimbledon and US—each time in the final.

But he is hungry for success again this year and has so far proved almost unstoppable in big events.

Believes the ball is there to be hit and on his day can be the most exciting player to watch.

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Final lost to Ashe; 1974 Final beat Rosewall; 1973 Qtr final lost to Metreveli; 1972 Qtr final lost to Nastase

ILIE NASTASE

(Rumania) 29

If he really wants the title he will probably win it. But he has a perverse streak that often makes him appear to be more interested in making headlines than collecting championships.

When he does produce his best it is magical. The big question is: can he produce enough of those performances in succession to carry off the biggest championship of them all?

FOUR-YEAR FORM: 1975 Round 3 lost to Stewart; 1974 Round 4 lost to Stockton; 1973 Round 4 lost to Mayer; 1972 Final lost to Smith

BJORN BORG

(Sweden) 20

THE young man who has won practically everything in the game, including leading Sweden to the Davis Cup last year.

Has come to Wimbledon for last two attempts fresh from triumph in Paris, but he lost his French title this year so extra time for grass court practice could make a vital difference.

FOUR-YEAR FORM: 1975 Qtr-final lost to Ashe; 1974 Round 3 lost to El Shalci; 1973 Qtr-final lost to Taylor; 1972 DNP

WIMBLEDON '76



Jimmy Connors

JIMMY CONNORS' determination to regain the Wimbledon crown he wore two years ago has become almost a crusade this year.

Connors thought that the championship he won so devastatingly by demolishing the ageing Ken Rosewall, together with the Australian and Forest Hills titles he also won in 1974, made him invincible.

He lorded it around the world, living up to the playboy image he enjoyed — and lost everything including a final humbling by Arthur Ashe on the Centre Court at Wimbledon.

So this year we have a nice guy Connors, and a far more dangerous Connors.

Like a knight in shining armour he has polished his personality, is nice to autograph hunters and spectators, and is warming again.

He has collected the United States professional indoor championship and lost only three times this year so far.

ADRIANO PANATTA

(Italy) 25

THE most in-form player of the moment having picked up the Italian and French titles in his last two tournaments. Probably the most complete tennis player apart from Nastase.

Has great ability to scramble well and speed makes him extremely difficult to pass. Service extremely accurate.

FOUR-YEAR FORM: 1975 Round 3 lost to Ramirez; 1974 Round 3 lost to Connors; 1973 DNP; 1972 Round 3 lost to Connors.

GUILLERMO VILAS

(The Argentine) 23

HAS such a devastatingly effective game that he can and does win on any surface.

Was Masters title winner in 1974 after a remarkable run of successes which saw him lose only three times in 37 matches.

Ten days' grass court practice will have him in fine shape for a strong bid for the title.

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Qtr-final lost to Tanner; 1974 Round 3 lost to Van Dillen; 1973 DNP; 1972 Round 1 lost to Hirbec.

ROSCOE TANNER

(U.S.) 24

HIS 140 miles an hour service will unnerve all but the bravest rivals. He has made a determined effort to be ready this year by playing in Manchester at Beckenham and Nottingham to get more competitive play on grass than most others.

Easy-going off court but a daunting opponent on it. Definitely one to watch.

FOUR-YEAR FORM: 1975 Semi-final lost to Connors; 1974 Round 4 lost to Rosewall; 1973 DNP; 1972 Round 3 lost to Dibley.

RAUL RAMIREZ

(Mexico) 23

THE best Mexican since Rafael Osuna, the man who started him in the game.

Has moved steadily up world rankings in last three years and has led Mexican Davis Cup wins over the United States in last two competitions.

Very strong and surprisingly fast for his size.

FOUR-YEAR FORM: 1975 Qtr-final lost to Connors; 1974 Round 2 lost to Dominguez; 1973 Round 1 lost to Marzano; 1972 DNP

MARK COX

(Gt. Britain) 32

HAS to be the best British hope simply because he is the only one who competes with any regularity in the major events.

Team tennis in the United States will not have helped his preparation for grass courts, but should mean he is fit and sharp.

Now has the experience to avoid silly results which have dogged some previous Wimbledon efforts.

FOUR-YEAR FORM: 1975 Round 3 lost to Connors; 1974 Round 1 lost to Fassbender; 1973 DNP; 1972 DNP.

VIJAY AMRITRAJ

(India) 22

SILKY smooth player who is a delight to watch. Is used to grass, has all the strokes and is now showing the resilience to compete at the top level.

More important his confidence is high. Gave Connors a tough time last year and could upset anybody this time.

FOUR-YEAR FORM: 1975 Round 2 lost to Connors; 1974 Round 2 lost to Rosewall; 1973 Qtr-final lost to Kodes; 1972 Round 2 lost to McManus.

THE TOP TWENTY

One of the defeats was to Roscoe Tanner at Beckenham last week.

It hurt Connors not to be the champion and it obviously means in 1976 to do something about it.

In the women's game Jimbo's former girl friend Chris Evert has an equally strong motive to regain the title she had in 1974 when she and Connors were Wimbledon's sweetheart winners.

Chris has had to give way this year to the more spectacular successes of Evonne Cawley.

So can Connors and Evert win Wimbledon again? Or will Ashe prove once more to have the Indian sign on Connors and Cawley to have the beating of Evert?

This special SPORTSWEEK guide to the Wimbledon Top Twenty is an attempt to pinpoint the personalities who will make the championships of 1976 as fascinating as any of those in the past 19 years.

CHRIS EVERT (U.S.) 21

SEEMED unbeatable when she won the title two years ago but has since lost some of her consistency even though her defeats in a year can still be counted on the fingers.

Previously prepared for Wimbledon by playing and winning in Rome and Paris.

This time she must make quick adjustment from American team tennis to maintain her good record.

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Semi-final lost to King; 1974 Final beat Morozova; 1973 Final lost to King; 1972 Semi-final lost to Cawley.

EVONNE CAWLEY (Australia) 25

THE girl of the year so far. Marriage a year ago has added maturity to her game and she swept to the Virginia Slims championship in the spring with a record of 38 victories in 40 matches.

When she is in the mood she is almost unstoppable.

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Final lost to King; 1974 Qtr-final lost to Reid; 1973 Semi-final lost to King; 1972 Final lost to King.

VIRGINIA WADE (Gt. Britain) 31

HAS carried British hopes almost single-handed in recent years as our only player of real world class.

Brittle temperament has not helped her to cope with this pressure — she always seems to do better abroad — but remains, possibly, the only Briton worth backing.



Chris Evert

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Qtr-final lost to Cawley; 1974 Semi-final lost to Morozova; 1973 Qtr-final lost to Cawley; 1972 Qtr-final lost to King.

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA (Czech) 19

THE sensation of the courts when she rocketed into the top five a couple of years ago.

Her decision to leave Czechoslovakia after leading her country to Federation Cup success was followed by injury which hampered her all this year.

Still seeking the form which made her one of the most powerful threats in the women's game.

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Qtr-final lost to Court; 1974 Round 1 lost to Jausovec; 1973 Round 3 lost to Hogan; 1972 DNP.

OLGA MOROZOVA (Russia) 27

THE best so far of the Russians and the most popular with Wimbledon fans.

No match for Chris Evert in the final two years ago but has a consistent record here and can be expected again to be a tough one to beat.

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Qtr-final lost to King; 1974 Final lost to Evert; 1973 Qtr-final lost to Court; 1972 Round 4 lost to Cawley.

ROSIE CASALS (U.S.) 27

HAS always enjoyed more success as Billie-Jean King's doubles partner than as an individual. But a fierce competitor with a

solid allround game that is effective on any surface. If determination is to be properly rewarded she could again go far.

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Round 4 lost to Wade; 1974 Round 4 lost to Beckett; 1973 Qtr-final lost to Evert; 1972 Semi-final lost to King.

SUE BARKER (Gt. Britain) 20

SUCCESSFUL winter tour to Australia set her up for confident raid on the Virginia Slims circuit in America last spring.

Reached final at Bournemouth, won Hamburg and then French title.

Forehand is one of the most powerful in women's tennis but could find weight of British enthusiasm for her to do well too heavy a burden.

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Round 3 lost to Stove; 1974 Round 1 lost to Boshoff; 1973 Round 2 lost to Blachford; 1972 DNP.

KERRY REID (Australia) 28

A BACK injury and leg trouble have prevented her reaching full potential in last year or so but she is always a threat when fully fit.

Typical Australian doggedness gets her through against a lot of tough opponents. Chance this year likely to depend on fitness to last the fortnight.

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Round 2 lost to Barker; 1974 Semi-final lost to Evert; 1973 Qtr-final lost to King; 1972 Round 3 lost to Hogan.

LESLEY HUNT (Australia) 26

ONE of those Aussies who never gives up. Had an epic battle with Chris Evert on the Centre Court two years ago and has frightened most of the top players.

Planned Wimbledon assault carefully this year but probably lacks the consistency to keep going to the end of the second week.

FOUR YEAR FORM: 1975 Round 2 lost to Casals; 1974 Round 2 lost to Evert; 1973 Round 4 lost to King; 1972 Round 2 lost to Stove.

NATASHA CHMYREVA (Russia) 18

ONE of the best young players constantly emerging from Eastern Europe. She reached the fourth round in her first senior Wimbledon last year and won the junior title.

Then, just to prove she was the No. 1 junior, she lifted the United States title after losing in the main Forest Hills event to Chris Evert.

From here and there

GEORGE FOREMAN put himself back into world heavyweight title contention by punching Joe Frazier into retirement with a devastating display of controlled aggression in the battle of the ex-champs in New York.

The fight was stopped in 2 mins. 26 secs. of the fifth round after the clubbing fists of Foreman had twice sent Smokin' Joe Frazier to the canvas.

Following the second knock-down, Frazier's manager, Eddie Futch, jumped up and called on referee Harold Valan to stop the fight. Valan did so immediately.

ENGLAND fast bowler John Snow was recently married to Brighton model Jennifer Matthews. The groom's father, Dr. William Snow, performed the ceremony.

D. L. Underwood's benefit realised £24,114 nett (Rs. 3,86,300) and D. L. Amiss' nearly £35,000 (Rs. 5,60,000).

WORLD heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali claims he is learning some new tricks — including a few dirty ones — in preparation for his match with Japanese wrestler Antonio Inoki in Tokyo.

"We're gonna be the badguys," Ali said of himself and his new mentor, former professional wrestler Freddie Blassie. "Blassie's teaching me some dirt."

Ali predicted an eighth-round victory, and that the match would be a "bloodbath."

He said: "I'm gonna show him that no wrestler can beat a boxer. It's going eight rounds and when I get through with him, there'll be blood."



Joe Frazier (left) sends the sweat flying from George Foreman's head. Frazier, however, lost



Rupa Banerjee

India's former international table tennis player, Rupa Banerjee (nee Mukherjee) became the new Canadian national champion for 1976 at Calgary. In the open singles final, Rupa defeated the Canadian national title-holder for ten times Violetta Naisukaitis, 21-9, 11-21, 19-21, 21-8, 21-14. Earlier in the semis, Rupa beat Irena Kordas, the Yugoslav national champion in 1973 at 21-19, 14-21, 21-19, 21-12. Rupa migrated to Toronto with her husband Prasad Banerjee, two years ago.

Mohinder Amarnath, who went straight from the tour of the West Indies to England, has signed for South Shields as professional.

MICHAEL KINDO, India's mercurial right back, who was forced to drop out of the Indian hockey team for the Montreal Games, has been admitted to the Southern Command hospital in Poona for further treatment of his leg injury.

JIMMY CONNORS and Ilie Nastase shared the 15,750 sterling prize money after their men's singles final in the John Player International Lawn Tennis Championships at Nottingham was abandoned because of rain. The scores (Connors first): 6-2, 4-6, 1-1.

World heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali is likely to attend the fourth annual conference of the all-India Muslim Education Society in October 1976 to be held in Hyderabad.



Muhammad Ali shows off his biceps to wrestler Antonio Inoki prior to the weigh-in for their scheduled boxing wrestling match in Tokyo

THE BERRY SARBADHIKARY COLUMN

Stop the 'head-hunters'

WITH the ICC round the corner, the cricketing world is seized very much with the "bouncer" and "beamer" question. So, at the risk of some repetition of what I said in my last column, let us plunge straight into the heart of this rather controversial issue, with but a brief preamble.

There is hardly a more thrilling sight in cricket than that of an express fast bowler pounding down the run-up and skittling the stumps of, say, a debonair Denis Compton. Test-wise, it is an historical truth also that countries with express fast bowlers have often had an edge over their opponents—Gregory and MacDonald (Aust.); Larwood, Voce, Bowes and Allen (Eng); Constantine and Martin-dale (WI); Nissar (I), Lindwall and Miller (A); Adcock and Heine (SA); Tyson, Trueman and Stat-ham (E); Hall, Gilchrist and Griffith (WI) and so on.

Starting really from Constantine and Nissar, it has been my privilege to see most of them with their fiery bouncers. The deliberate head-high "beamers" were largely a post-war Caribbean speciality with nothing much to commend such an artifice (?), with the ill-tempered Roy Gilchrist the villain of the piece.

Forgetting the 1932-33 "body-line" bowling in Australia by England under Jardine, the occasional bouncer has generally been the express fast bowler's legitimate weapon of surprise to unsettle the batsman, and has never been really objected to by anybody.

Indeed, one of the most exciting spectacles of the game has been the hook shot off a fast bouncer, some of the greatest exponents of it, in my experience, having been Sir Donald Bradman, C. K. Nayudu, Herbert Sutcliffe, Learie Constantine, Denis Compton, Lala Amarnath, Cyril Washbrook, Everton Weekes, Mushtaq Ali, Vijay Manjrekar — to mention a few at random.

But of late, there has been a tendency on the part of, say, the Thomsons, the Lillees, the Robertses, the Holdings, etc., of a repeat "body-line" of 1932-33, where the batsman's body is the target far more often than is healthy for the game. Such persistent bouncers,

could be lethal, with the object of frightening the batsman into forfeiting his wicket, if not his life!

This cannot possibly be cricket. It smacks of the game of "head-hunters" of a primitive age. It is akin to boxing without gloves of the now dim but gory past. Cricket is a "man's game," yes, but a line has to be drawn somewhere, so that it is not permitted to degenerate into an ugly spectacle of blood, broken heads that might well lead one to his grave.

Once again, all these are not meant to deny the fast bowler his bouncer, unless, of course, he makes a habit of attacking the body of the batsman. As stated in my earlier column, the danger to the once noble game of cricket was realised in 1932-33, shortly after which Law No. 46 was amended which, unfortunately, was treated more in the breach than its observance, specially by the "home" umpires.

What, then, is the remedy? Obviously, the answer lies in absolutely judicial sternness of the umpires in the interpretation of the amended Law, and much higher penalty (not just warnings, etc.) for the offending bowler like putting him out of action not only for that innings but for the whole game. Drastic, yes, but inevitable to arrest the dangerous trend.

In such an event, the captain will have to be very careful as to how he uses his express fast bowlers, and to what extent they could go. All captains today, in modern high-pressure, cash-oriented cricket, cannot be expected to possess the chivalry of a Sir Frank Worrell, and others of the late knight's ilk. Hence this cautionary letter of the Laws, not their spirit.

There has been literally an out-

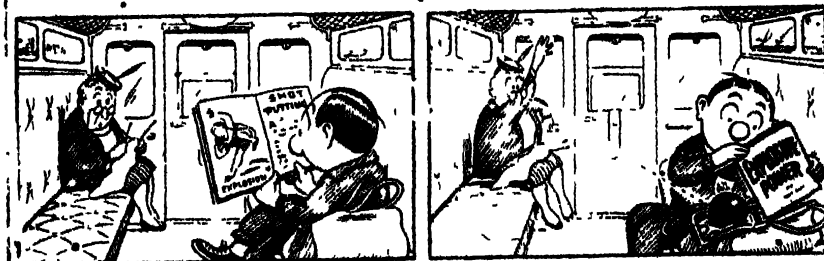
cry in England who today do not have any comparable fast bowlers to the West Indies' battery. But it would be unfair to attribute all English commentators' — specially such great cricketers like friends, Denis Compton, Ted Dexter, Jim Laker's — criticism of excessive bouncers to England's current inability "to give it back" to the Caribbean.

When England had quite a few fast bowlers—apart from Jardine's (1932-33) — hardly, if ever, did I see them indulging in persistent, repeat persistent, bouncers, "Fiery Fred" or no. And Compton faced Lindwall and Miller at their best in the 1948 English series heroically. He hit two great centuries, one after having been hit seriously on the forehead off a Lindwall bouncer, glancing from Compton's own blade, I think, at Old Trafford.

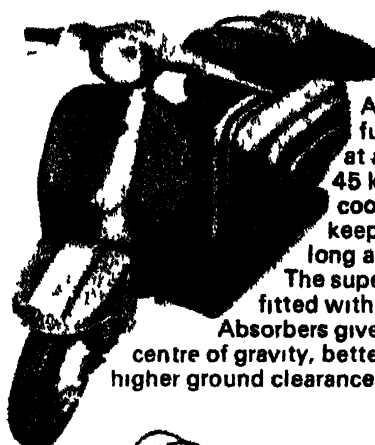
Many favour restriction of bouncers per over, "Lord" Dexter wants a "foul" Jim Swanton 10 runs to be added to the bowler's account for each "excess" bouncer — and so on. But how does one limit the bouncers? In that 1948 Test series, Lindwall deliberately fed England opener Cyril Washbrook, fond of the lofted hook, with two successive bouncers, and both easy catches were dropped at long-leg by Hassett who, poker faced, thereupon borrowed the helmet of a policeman just outside the boundary line, and waited for the next catch! As for Swanton's "fine", bowlers have been known to "buy" early the wickets of potentially dangerous batsmen.

No, the crux of the matter is the "motivation" of the bowler attacking persistently a batsman's body which the umpires should be able to judge, and penalise him accordingly. True, it is an additional burden with great responsibility on the overworked umpires. One is not talking yet of "neutral" umpires, but as in World Cup soccer, a seminar of international umpires could be briefed by the ICC about uniform application of the Laws, specially that relating to "intimidatory" bowling. In fine, the umpires, with integrity and above national bias, must be "guardians" for protecting the health of cricket — and save it from degenerating into the primitive "head-hunter's" game . . .

SPORTING SAM by Reg Woottor



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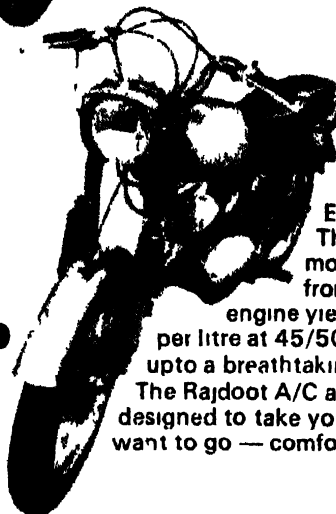


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I like playing cricket the hard way, says Tony Greig

In a few years I think we will look back and realise how good a cricketer he really was.

What are the future of MCC tours to New Zealand?

That is something that I as a player should not really comment too much about. It's very much a matter for the administrators, for them to work out the details. MCC coming to New Zealand after a hard tour of Australia is not satisfactory. When MCC came here last year it was a major fault that only 18 or so New Zealanders played against us. Maybe it will be possible for MCC to arrange a longer tour not following the Australian tour, but that must be a matter for the administrators.

What of your own future?

I may have three or four more years at the top, I don't really know. I play cricket because I enjoy it. When the enthusiasm to play cricket start to go then I will pull out. My one great ambition would be to lead an MCC team on the tour of Australia. That is the great tour. I would love to captain MCC there, and beat the pants off the Australians.

Where does South Africa fit into your future?

If I was a young, single man I might well go back there. But my family have their home and their roots in England.

Are these on-field demonstrations becoming too frequent?

It all depends, really. I am really a pressure-cricketer and have probably been involved in some of these incidents. The responsibility is really with the players. What sort of game do we want, do we want to play it hard?

I like involving myself with the crowd. Cricketers have got to be entertainers. Now take the case of Dennis Lillee bowling to me. He will be trying to knock my block off with bouncers. He may stand on the pitch and try and break my concentration with a word or two. That is great stuff for you people back in the press box, you can tell everybody about another incident. But what a lot of people do not realise is that half an hour later after stumps we will probably be sitting together having a beer in the dressing room. Some

of these things are not as bad as they might look.

It depends on the kind of game you want. Do you want Lillee and Thompson tearing in with thousands and thousands of people at the Sydney Cricket ground or Melbourne? Or do you want a little friendly game with no people watching?

What of David Steele? Are there any other David Steeles in county cricket who could have such a late and successful Test debut?

There are plenty of players of the David Steele type in English cricket, but whether they can do what David Steele did against the Aussies is another matter. David came into the England side when some of the leading batsmen were being affected by the pressures of Test cricket, by the pressure of sustained fast bowling. Some of these batsmen weren't quite the same after 10 or 12 near misses.

Now David Steele didn't really know what Lillee and Thomson were all about. He is basically a front foot player, and people said that he couldn't play Lillee and Thomson off the front foot. But David is a real bread-and-butter cricketer. He has this tremendous determination. We backed him and he paid a handsome dividend.

Courtesy: The Cricket Player



ON his way home from Australia, England captain Tony Greig talked to a New Zealand sportswriter Don Cameron at Auckland. Greig spoke freely and frankly and here's a sampler of the Greig thoughts on world cricket today:

What is Geoff Boycott's future?

I cannot be sure. One of the first of my acts when made captain of England was to phone Geoff and ask about his thoughts of playing for England again. He is still the finest batsman in England.

You sometimes find that players like Boycott have their problems. They dedicate themselves to the scoring of runs, to the cutting out of risky strokes, to being a perfectionist. When things do not go right chaps like Boycott find it hard to adjust, they have a long way to fall. From what I hear New Zealand may be developing one of these.

Who is the best batsman in the world?

Barry Richards, no race. I would be inclined to rate Ian Chappell very high. He has been getting himself into some bother lately, but he is a wonderful batsman, probably the best in all situations among the Australians, the man who can play any kind of innings. He has done a lot for his players.

SRC win in fine style

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SIKH REGIMENTAL CENTRE (Ramgarh, Bihar), a compact and well-knit hockey side, richly deserved the handsome Murugappa Gold Cup they won recently. They impressed one and all with their assured attacking style and their strength and composure in defence throughout this popular all-India competition.

The most striking part of their game was their half-line play. Tarlok who ably substituted an injured Surinder late in the tournament, Major and Didar gave the opposing forwards little elbow room to manoeuvre about.

They positioned themselves beautifully and were always ready to tackle an opponent when he received the ball from a colleague. And they tackled firm and first-time. Not only were they great destroyers; they also showed how well constructive play could start from the defence. They trapped the ball neatly and purveyed it as tidily to the front-liners.

Major and Didar were precise and purposive in just about everything they did. Tarlok was not as brilliant, but, with his ultra-aggressiveness and zest for attack, he too played a big role.

SRC were the favourites to win the cup. They made the final without much ado. But, then, Electrical Mechanical Engineering Centre (Bhopal) sent shivers down their spines with their spirited show.

EME performed much better than they were expected to and, in fact, should have won the first-



Jaswinder, SRC captain, receives the Murugappa Gold Cup from E. L. Stracey, IG of Police Tamil Nadu

leg of the double-leg affair, and not lost it as they did by two goals to nil. SRC, however, had EME on the run in the second leg but, ironically, this time it was the Bhopal side that won, 2-1.

Inspired by the indefatigable Horo, inside-right, and Bara, left-half, EME raised their game to a high pitch in the first-leg. The inside trio of Horo, Nanjappa and Kusha pierced the SRC defence with sheer speed. Bustling Kusha, in particular, seemed irresistible.

Once, in the 12th minute, he broke through the SRC defence and drove hard and true, but goalkeeper Gurmit was not to be beaten.

A few minutes later, when Gurmit brought off a save from Nanjappa, Kusha streaked in and belted the ball towards the goal. Gurmit was beaten, but Amarjit made a goalline save.

Then came Kusha's best effort. Fastening on to a forward pass



The finalists, SRC and EME Centre

from Bara, he steamed forward. Amarjit put his stick across to put him off his stride, but Kusha hurdled over it and the next moment had the onrushing Gurmit beaten with a deft piece of dribbling. He, however, shot wildly and missed the gaping goal. In disgust, he hurled his stick away. It was a miss that could take months for Kusha to forget.

In striking contrast to Kusha was SRC's striker Chimni. He was always ready to pounce on even a half-chance. And when he struck, he did so with the speed of a cobra. When a bungling Natarajan committed the second of his three defensive boops, delaying his clearance after trapping a hit by SRC's Jarnail, in flew Chimni, bending like a banana, to whisk the ball away and whack it in. Chimni tried to give an 'encore' a few minutes later, but was foiled by goalkeeper Gose. However, left-winger Partap scored an opportunist goal late in the game to put SRC two up.

As elusive as an eel, Chimni scored a great goal in the second leg game. For this alone, he deserved the best-player prize that he got. Right-winger Karnail, a glutton for work, chased a seemingly impossible-to-catch through pass from Jaswinder, trapped it near the goalline and shot across. No sooner had he done than came a lightning effort from Chimni. He connected the ball first-time, from an acute angle, and sent the ball flashing into the net. That was a goal that would remain in the retina for long.

That goal, in the final analysis, put paid to EME's hopes. EME were off to a bright start in this game, scoring in the second minute through an unmarked left-winger Barla, who had come in place of a disappointing Gurdev. But then Chimni's goal early in the second session shattered their spirits. And they were physically pooped also — they had to play for the third successive day, unlike their opponents who had had a day's rest before the final.

That Horo was able to score and make it 2-1 for EME a couple of minutes before the final whistle spoke well for the hardy inside-right's do-or-die attitude. Had it come a little earlier, it might have impelled EME to a greater effort.

SRC defeated Western Railway (Bombay) 2-0 in their double-leg semi-final, scoring a goal apiece in the two games. The railway defence was creaky and their attack was not thrustful enough to trouble the SRC defence much. Mohinder Pal Singh alone among the Railway forwards impressed with his consistently good display. He was speedy, full of go and showed some imagination.

EME prevailed over a prodigal



Western Railway's Balbir Singh foiled by ASC defenders as goalkeeper Fredericks looks on

Central Railway (Bombay) 1-0 in their semi-final, their goal coming in the first leg. An impetuous Naidu, who often rushed off the goal rather injudiciously, was to blame for Central Railway's reverse in the first encounter. He charged out to thwart Kusha once and was beaten by his swerve. Omkar Singh tried to save, but committed 'kicks' and the resultant penalty stroke was converted by Kusha.

That goal stung Central Railway to the quick. They sprang into vigorous action. The EME goal came under terrific pressure, but it survived either because of the poor finish of the Railway players or thanks to Gose's timely saves.

In the second-leg, EME rather unwisely went on the defensive, confident of holding on to their 1-0 lead. Thereby, they allowed Central Railway the opportunity of taking the initiative. The Railwaymen, with Omkar moving up from halfline to spearhead their attack, stormed the EME goal, but their finishing efforts were deplorable. Inside-left Waliullah Khan proved the most prodigal of the Railway forwards.

The tie-breaker proved to be the heart-breaker for Punjab Police and Border Security Force. Punjab Police went down to Central

Railway 3-2 and BSF were ousted by EME 9-8.

Army Service Corps (Jullundur), the winners of the Tegghadur and Bombay Gold Cups and runners-up in the Aga Khan tournament, also got nosed out by Western Railway in the tie-breaker. They had impressed quite well, especially the Lakras, Vincent and Lazarus, in the attack, John Toppo, Bengra and goalkeeper Manuel Fredericks, a former Olympian, in the defence. For Western Railway, Balbir was quite impressive in both the first meeting and the replay which ended 1-1 and goalless respectively.

Whereas Tata (Bombay) troubled EME and lost to them 1-0 after holding them goalless in the first meeting, Mahindra (Bombay), who had whipped a not-so-strong Singapore Indian Association 4-0, failed to raise their game in their match against the redoubtable SRC and were beaten 2-0.

Southern Railway and IOB, the two leading teams in the Madras senior league, put up plucky shows before losing respectively to EME and ASC, both in the tie-breaker. Whereas Southern Railway were somewhat superior to EME in the replay, IOB more than held their own in their first meeting against ASC.

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The Bombay hockey team, winners of the Arunachalam Trophy, which is in the hands of their captain Lorraine Fernandes (right)

BOMBAY emerged supreme in the Arunachalam Trophy women's hockey tournament. In the double-leg final, they defeated Kerala, the holders, by an aggregate score of 4-0. Thereby they more than avenged their defeat in the final last year. Last year also, they were the better side, but they lost in the tie-breaker.

Bombay proved far superior to Kerala as they carved up a 3-0 lead in the first-leg. The Kerala attack was not a patch on that of Bombay. Whereas the Bombay frontliners were fast with the ball, showed good control and shot hard, the Kerala forwards were somewhat lethargic and shot feebly at the goal to make things easy for the safe and steady Neena Asaikar, the India goalkeeper.

The deliberate movements of international Dora Coutinho, the speed of Lorraine Fernandes, the skill of shrewd Ina Rebello, the thrust and opportunism of Fiona Albuquerque had the Kerala defence torn apart. The Bombay forwards were ably backed up by their enterprising centre-half Ermina Menezes. Bombay got their first-leg goals through Fiona (2) and Ermina.

Kerala gave a much better show in the second-leg and had Bombay on the defensive for long spells. With Omanakumari, centre-half, doing extremely well, the Kerala attack functioned well. Wingers Sharada and Jayanthi posed a lot of threat, particularly the latter who made a few good efforts which Neena managed to save.

Whereas Kerala could not score from their many efforts, Bombay succeeded with one of their few scoring chances. Eulalia Carneira, right-winger, scored that goal midway through the second session.

Kushnoor Patel and Afra Rebello 'manned' the deep defence well for Bombay. So did the slim and smart Shirley James for Kerala.

Bombay had a tough time beating Goa in the semi-final. They

Bombay triumph

were distinctly superior and in fact had the Goan goal bombarded for long. Lorretta D'Souza, in the Goan goal, saw to it that nothing passed her.

But superior Bombay had to win, and did so at 2-1, the decision coming only in the second set of five penalty strokes each — the rivals were tied 1-1 at the end of the first set. In the tie breaker, Lorretta was beaten by Lorraine Fernandes and Kamala Prasad, while Neena Asaikar was beaten by Lourdes D'Souza. Lorretta landed the 'best player' prize through her magnificent show against Bombay.

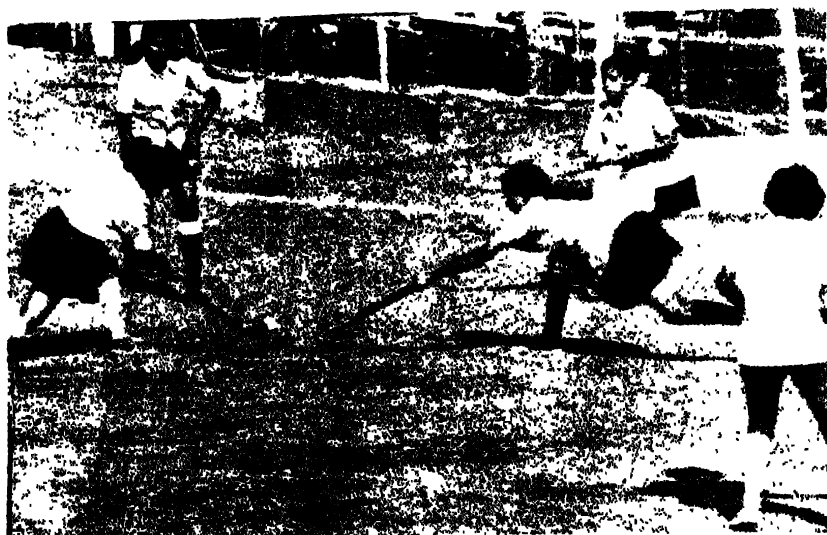
Hasumati Mishra of Gujarat was another goalkeeper to give a sterling display. She too brought off umpteen saves in the semi-final against Kerala and almost caused

their downfall. From inside-right Deenamma Abraham alone she might have brought off half a dozen saves.

Thanks to Hasumati's show, Gujarat who had taken an early lead through Gloria Smith, their lone potent attacker, held on to it till five minutes from time when Deenamma restored parity for Kerala. In the tie breaker, which followed after the barren extra time, Omanakumari, Gracy George and Shirley James scored for Kerala while Gujarat were able to convert only two of their strokes, through Gloria Smith and Sadhana Patel.

Bombay beat Madhya Bharat 3-0, Kerala defeated Madhya Pradesh 1-0 and Goa beat Delhi 1-0 in the quarter-finals. Gujarat moved straight into the semi-finals, in the absence of Punjab.

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Bombay's forward Ermina Menezes scoring against Kerala

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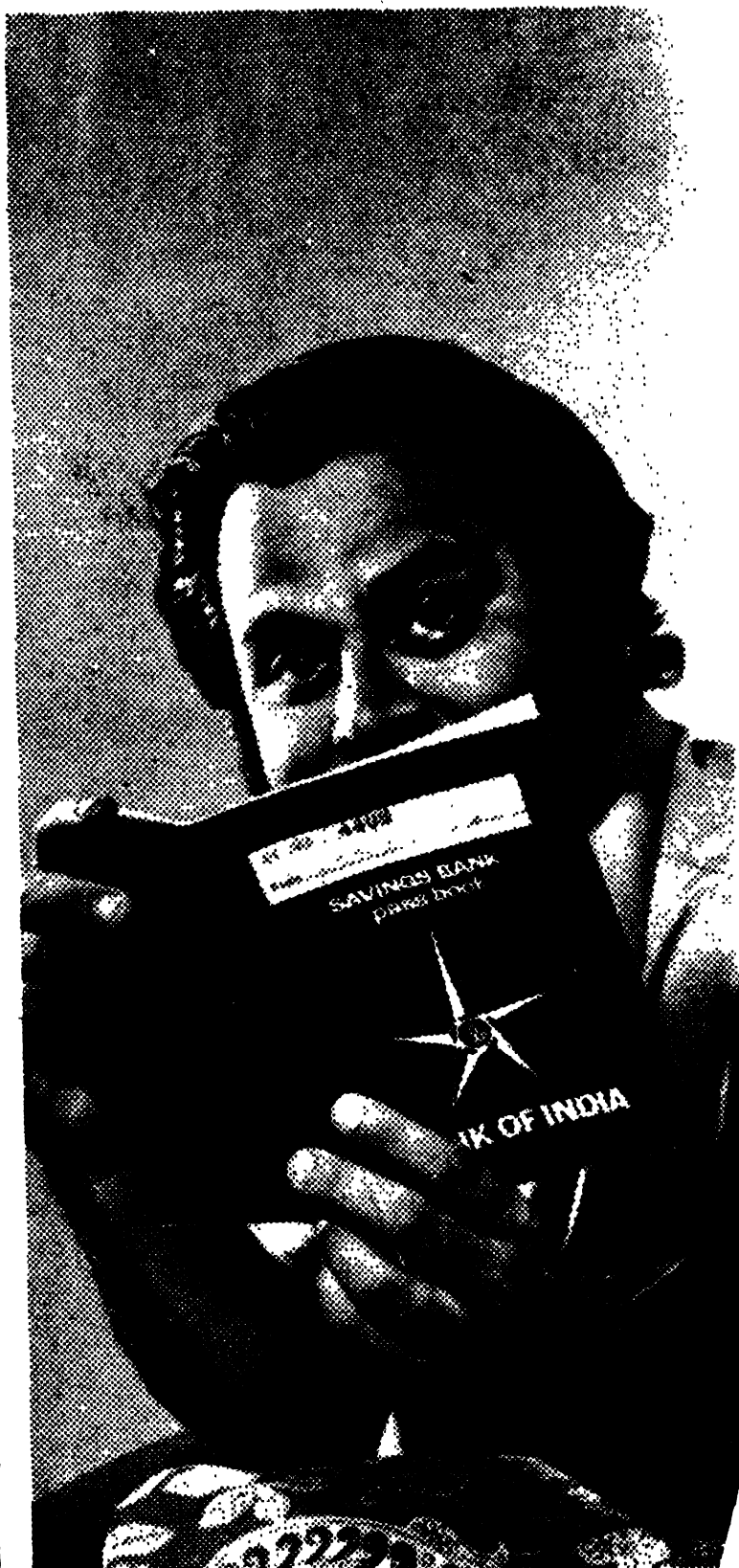
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The development programme is unique. It is a global coaching and instructional programme to raise the standard of the game in developing countries. In the first three years it will cover 100 countries. The Football Skills competition will be organised through national associations at local, regional and national levels, with the finals scheduled to be held during the first World Youth Tournament in Tunisia between June 27 and July 10, 1977.

The contract covers the first three years for the Development Programme with Coca-Cola having an option for a further six, and the next four competitions of the World Youth Tournament.

For the inaugural World Youth Tournament 18 countries have signified their willingness to compete if they qualify for one of the 15 places in the final rounds. They are: Australia, Austria, Canada, Colombia, Ethiopia, Finland, Iran, Ivory Coast, Malta, Mauritius, New Zealand, Philippines, Rumania, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago and the US. Tunisia as host qualifies automatically.

Subsequently the number of qualifiers for the final rounds may be raised to 24. For the inaugural tournament the 16 places will be allotted as follows: Europe six, South America three, Africa, Asia

and Concacaf (Central America and the Caribbean) two each and the organising country (Tunisia). The youth tournaments held by the continental confederations will be the means for qualifying for the World meet. In the absence of such tournaments the confederations can nominate the teams.

The age limit is between 16 and 19 on January 1 of the year of the tournament. Thus for the tournament in Tunisia only players born between January 1, 1958, and December 31, 1960, will be eligible.

Wales to fight

WALES are to fight a soccer test case that could have far-reaching effects on the disciplinary procedures operating in Europe.

They will ask the UEFA appeals committee to decide how much responsibility for the conduct of their fans a club or country can be expected to shoulder.

Wales have been banned from the next European championship because of crowd violence during last month's quarter-final tie against Yugoslavia at Ninian Park.

The Welsh F.A. senior international committee decided to enter an immediate appeal. If they win, Europe's disciplinary charter will have to be rewritten. If they lose and the ban stays, Wales will be without European competition for seven seasons.

—JIM HILL

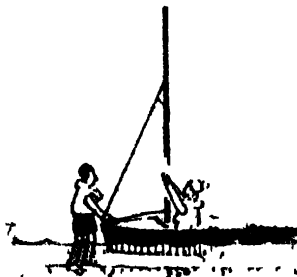
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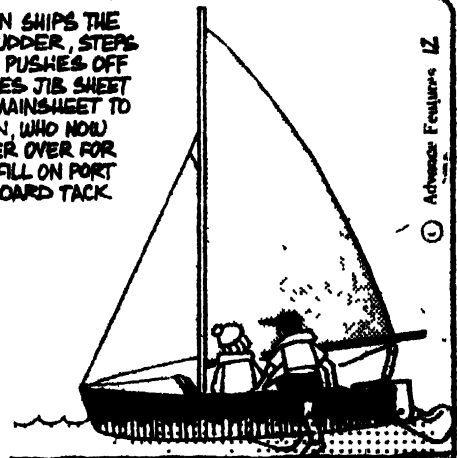
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THE biographical minutiae which appear next to the names of players in the cricket annuals and yearbooks generally reveal very little. In the case of Kallicharran, Alvin Isaac (b Port Mourant, Berbice, B.G. 21 Mar 49. LHB occ LB) they happen to be more than just a notation of where and when one of the most proficient of contemporary batsmen was born. There is a significance about both the place and the time.

Port Mourant is a small town in Berbice county along Guyana's east coast. Its inhabitants are almost totally employed in the sugar industry which dominates much of the country's rural life. In the 1950s it became a phenomenal nursery for Guyanese and West Indian cricket as, simultaneously, three players of extraordinary ability emerged from its previously unknown precincts to gain international acclaim.

Young Kallicharran grew up in a community basking in the reflected glory of its famous cricketing sons — Rohan Kanhai, Basil Butcher and Joe Solomon. He needed no encouragement to take to a game which was the main topic of male conversation after a hard day in the canefields. Although small and frail in build, he obviously possessed excellent eyesight and keen ball sense. All the ingredients were there for the making of another Port Mourant Test player.

The outstanding success of Kanhai, Butcher and Solomon was the catalyst for another development beneficial to those who followed in their wake. Previously, cricket in British Guiana (as it was before becoming independent in 1966) had been concentrated almost entirely in Georgetown, the capital.

Those outside took part in an annual lottery to see which of them would fill the four places allotted to the country districts in the annual trials for selection on the British Guiana team. The story is told of how Kanhai only qualified at first because of illness to someone else. It was a system which had to change once it became clear what potential lay even in an area as small as Port Mourant.

So Kallicharran and others of his era needed no luck to win recognition — only ability, and of this there was no scarcity.

Solomon once told me he was never in any doubt that Kallichar-

ran would one day be a great player.

His progress has been predictable and uninterrupted — through the Guyana Schools team in the West Indies championships in 1966, into the Guyana Shell Shield team the following year, into the Test team in 1972 (in the most spectacular fashion with successive centuries against New Zealand) and into county cricket with Warwickshire in 1972. In the selection of any World XI, it is difficult to see how he could be omitted at present.

In his 32 Tests, Kallicharran has repeatedly demonstrated that he is

and he collected by Engineer in front of first slip. From an overnight 212 for 2, West Indies were all out for 289. Of the 77 added, Kallicharran scored 64 without playing one false shot until he was last out for 124 caught behind off a ball which turned a mile. It had been the innings of a master batsman.

Kallicharran's claims to being a player for all climes and conditions is reflected in his record — over 2000 Test runs with a century against all opponents. He has repeatedly proved his worth for Warwickshire where not the least of his virtues has been his obvious

ALVIN KALLICHARRAN

by TONY COZIER

the complete batsman — as comfortable in a crisis as in a dominant situation, as facile against pace as against spin, as ideally equipped to take advantage of a perfect pitch as he is to battle on an impaired one.

If his thrilling exhibition against Australia in the first-round Prudential Cup match at The Oval exemplified his most ebullient mood and his ability to cope with true pace, it must be said that conditions were ideal and the match was of the limited-over variety by which the purists refuse to measure standards.

In 1973, in the enthralling third Test against Australia, at Port of Spain, when West Indies were set 334 to win on a spinner's pitch, the diminutive left-hander played an astonishing innings of 91 which almost brought his team victory. There were at least half a dozen catches in the short-leg region in that match yet, every time Kallicharran played forward, he dropped the ball dead at his feet and never gave the semblance of a chance.

The one innings which he will cherish above all others, however, must be his 124 at Bangalore in the first Test against India last year. Rain and late and inadequate covering produced the most treacherous Test pitch I have ever seen and, by his own admission, the most difficult Kallicharran has ever played on. The ball turned viciously and stopped. Venkatraghavan would repeatedly pitch outside the left-hander's leg stump—

enjoyment of the game. While most of his West Indian teammates were, naturally, complaining about having to rejoin their counties for a John Player League match the day after the nerve-racking World Cup final, Kallicharran not only was eager to play — he also made 72.

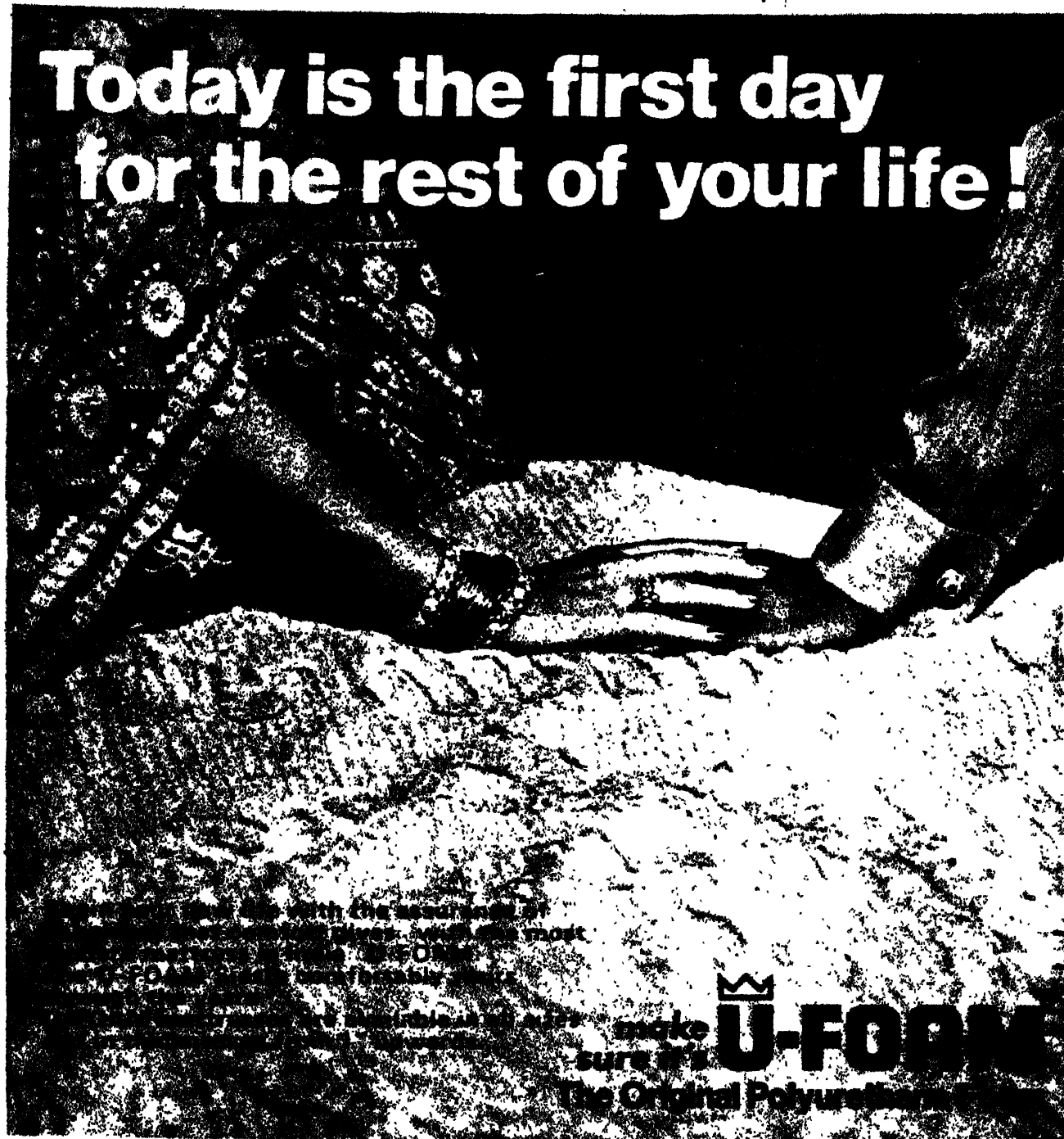
Like everyone else, Kallicharran has his weaknesses, even though they may be fewer than most. One appears to be a lack of stamina needed to endure a long series. Against Australia in 1973 and England in 1973 and 1974, he started in magnificent form only to fade into low scores towards the end. After his long innings against Australia at Port of Spain in 1973, nervous exhaustion led to his being confined to bed for two days.

Generally, Kallicharran has been compared to Kanhai. There can be little doubt that he has modelled himself on his illustrious countryman and that he is very much the left-handed version. Similar in height, build and looks, even his stance at the wicket is a mirror-image. Nevertheless, it was interesting to hear an Australian seeing him for the first time, R. S. Whittington, state that he revived memories of Neil Harvey.

Only 26, Alvin Kallicharran is merely at the start of what must surely be a great cricketing career. Married with a son not quite two, he is a wholehearted, dedicated cricketer who neither smokes nor drinks. He loves the game and, far from going stale, his edge seems to be sharpened by a surfeit of it.



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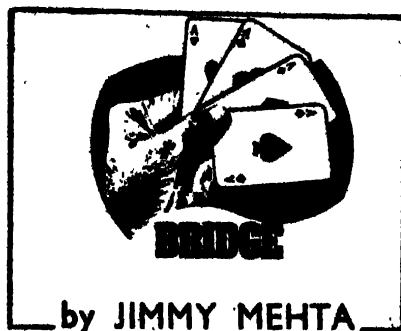
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by JIMMY MEHTA

THERE is a certain type of de-
ceptive play, somewhat neglect-
ed by bridge authors, which often
comes to the rescue of declarers
in distress.

You are landed with a 4 spade
contract on this mess:

K Q J
K 8 3
K Q 8 4
5 3 2
N
S
A 10 7 6 4
J 9 2
10 3
A 6 4

The opening lead is a low heart,
ducked in dummy and won on your
right with the Ace. A heart comes
back and you hopefully insert the
nine but West produces the ten
knocking out your King. Is there
any hope?

The outlook is bleak, but your
best and perhaps only shot is a
low diamond from the board. If
West has the Ace of diamonds and
East the knave, nine and small
you will be home for all practical
purposes. East can hardly be ex-
pected to rise with the knave on
air.

Change the hand slightly and
give yourself the knave of clubs.
Now you may succeed even if East
has the four-carded knave with or
without the nine together with the
K & Q of clubs. The end position
will be:

nil
nil
K Q 8
x x

nil
nil
J x x
K Q

Immaterial

x
nil
x
A J x

The play of your last trump
squeezes East in the minors. A
diamond return from West des-
troys the squeeze but may not
easily be found at the table.

Opportunities for deception for
defenders are manifold. Reese in
his memoirs, recalls a hand where

the light-hearted first-round drop
of a doubleton Queen played havoc
with the declarers nerves. This
was the trump position in a con-
tract of 4 hearts:

7 6 5
N

10 9 4 2 W E Q 3

S
A K J 8

The declarer could afford one
heart loser but not two. A low
heart from the board fetched the
Queen from East and declarer was
convinced that West had five
trumps to the 10 9 and changed
his plans much to his subsequent
chagrin.

In a recent match between Tyeb-
jee's team and Tibrewala's, Mansur
Tyebjee defending a three-no-
trump contract against Anand
Mehta successfully employed simi-
lar tactics.

Declarer needed two tricks in
diamonds from these holdings:

K 8 7 3
N

A 6 5 W E Q J 9

S
10 4 2

Anand with sufficient entries in

both hands, led a low diamond to
dummy inserting the seven spot.
Mansur won the trick with the
knave! Later Anand again played
a diamond to dummy; West played
low and Anand played the King
on which Mansur played the
Queen! Mansur had created a bril-
liant illusion for declarer that the
Ace and nine of diamonds were
in the West hand. Seeing no fur-
ther nourishment in the diamond
suit Anand decided to look else-
where for the ninth trick with
disastrous results.

What is your best chance for
this "4 heart contract"? West has
made a weak jump over-call in
spades during the bidding:

A 8 4
K 7 5
Q J 2
A 8 7 5
9 7
A 8 6 4 2
A 6 5 4
6 3

The opening lead is the ten of
diamonds covered by the knave in
dummy and East's King. Has de-
clarer played correctly so far? Has
the defender? Anyway how do you
proceed as declarer? Solution next
week.



Austria's world champion racing driver Niki Landa scored
a typical start-to-finish victory in a Ferrari at the Monaco
Grand Prix in Monte Carlo. It was his 10th win in 14 starts
and puts him way ahead in the drivers' championship.
Here he is with Prince Rainier and
Princess Grace after his win



by HOSEY MISTRY

1. Who was the first woman to
clear 6 ft. in high jump?
2. When did India join the Inter-
national Badminton Federa-
tion? a) 1932, b) 1935 or c)
1937.
3. Which athlete has won the
men's national sprint (100 M.)
title maximum times?

4. Which swords are used in
Olympic fencing?
5. How many times has Wilson
Jones won the National Snook-
er title? a) 3, b) 4 or c) 5.
6. With which sports are the fol-
lowing terms associated? a)
Fosbury flop and b) tumble
turn.
7. Whom did Gool Nasikwalla
partner when she won the
Asian women's doubles title?

ANSWERS:

1. Iolanda Balas (Rumania) on
October 18, 1958. 2. 1935. 3. Lavy
Pinto, six times. 4. Foil, epee and
sabre. 5. 4. 6. a) Athletics and b)
swimming. 7. Yoshiko Tanaka
(Japan).

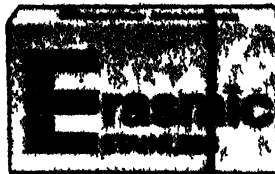
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Zonal Round-up NORTH

DELHI:

CENTRAL Reserve Police Force are known on the sports scene largely through their hockey team, a competent though not outstanding outfit. In fact, the Delhi side for the last Nationals at Cuttack was almost completely composed of CRPF players.

Of late, however, CRPF have been expanding their sporting activities. Their three-day aquatics championships concluded in the capital recently, and it provided some keen competition.

The prize for the best swimmer of the meet went to V. V. Ponappan of Ajmer Range. Ponappan set a new meet record for the 100 metres freestyle, clocking 1 min. 4.7 secs.



The record-breaking relay quartet of Hyderabad Range: T. V. Nair, D. Clement, K. Somasekaran and K. Aloysius

The team championship went to Hyderabad Range, thanks to their strong relay quartet of T. V. Nair, D. Clement, K. Somasekaran and K. Aloysius. They made a clean sweep of the three freestyle relays, setting new marks in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 metres events in the process.

Thanks to these four, Hyderabad Range finished with 130 points, while second-placed Neemuch had to rest content with 67 points.

Athletics is another field where CRPF men are giving a good account of themselves. The most out-

standing case, of course, is that of Hari Chand, who has been selected to represent India in the Montreal Games.

Another CRPF athlete, Raghubir Singh Bal, turned out for India in the recent athletics meet against Sri Lanka. Raghubir won the discus throw title there, and he has also been named for the India-Iran meet at Tehran. In recognition of his achievements, Raghubir has received a promotion to the rank of Inspector.

—SW Correspondent



Promising TT player

SUNIL KAPOOR is a promising table tennis player, who took to the game only in September 1974 and in two years he has emerged as a leading player of Dehra Dun district.

In his first year, Sunil participated in four local tournaments. He was at his best at the UP Sherwani tourney, where he reached the quarter-finals. He also played commendably in the Times of India tournament.

The next year he did much better. In the Young Men's Association tourney he figured in the doubles final. In March this year he became the Dehra Dun runner-up.

Sunil is an ISC student of St. Joseph's Academy. He also plays badminton. He plans to be an engineer and hopes to continue playing table tennis.

—S. SANTHANAM

Ishaq memorial hockey

Air Marshal G. K. John hands over the Ishaq Memorial Trophy to Amarjit Singh, skipper of the CAC team



CAC retain the cup

AS anticipated, Central Air Command, Bamrauli, retained the coveted Ishaq Memorial Hockey Trophy defeating DSA (N. Rly.), Alahabad, by a solitary goal in the final.

The final, watched by the season's biggest crowd, never rose above mediocrity. Rough play and too many infringements also marred the encounter. Four players—two from each side—had to be sent off. The match was won and lost in the 15th minute of the first half when following a short-corner, CAC right-back Gill sounded the board with a none-too-powerful shot which entered the net on account of misunderstanding between DSA custodian Tripathi and right-half Ansar Husain.

Several special prizes were awarded including one by the noted sports journalist S. P. Deb to veteran Sibtey Hasnaini Naqvi of DSA.

CAC qualified for the final defeating 508, A B Workshop 6-0 and traditional rivals AGUP 2-0; while DSA made the final accounting for Boys Manoranjan Club 4-0 and Customs and Central Excise 1-0. Eleven teams took part in the tournament which was organised by the Muslim Young Men Association in memory of Mohammad Ishaq, a great patron of hockey. The tournament was started when Mohammad Ishaq was alive and this is its 44th year.

—SANTOSH SINGH

Zonal Round-up **EAST**

Dutta pockets carrom title

PALLAV Dutta (champion in 1972 and '73) won the boys (under 20) singles title in the recently concluded Rabindra Memorial Carrom Tournament conducted by the Kamini Club in Calcutta. Pallav (seeded No. 2) prevailed over Utpal Dutta (No. 3) 29-8, 10-29, 29-7 in the final. Indra Sengupta (No. 1 and the winner in '75) bowed out of the tourney in the quarters when he lost to Utpal 5-29, 10-29.

In the doubles final, Pallav and Amit Banerjee beat Pinaki Lahiri and Polok Dutta 29-0, 28-29, 29-0.

—ANIL BANERJEE

Cricket fixtures

EAST zone cricket fixtures for the Ranji Trophy, C. K. Nayudu Trophy and the Cooch Behar Trophy have been finalised.

Ranji Trophy league Nov. 29-Dec. 1: Bihar vs Orissa in Bihar. Dec 4 to 6: Assam vs Orissa in Assam. Dec. 10 to 12: Bengal vs Orissa in Bengal and Assam vs Bihar in Assam.

Dates for the Bengal vs Bihar match (to be held sometime between Dec. 1 and 18) are not yet finalised and is left to be mutually agreed to by the concerned States.

All East zone matches for the C. K. Nayudu (under 22) tournament will be played in Calcutta. The draw and dates are: Bengal



Mohun Bagan won the Calcutta first division cricket championship this season

vs Orissa and Bihar vs Assam—Nov. 10 to 12. Final—Nov. 14 to 16.

All East zone matches of the Cooch Behar Trophy schoolboys tournament are to be played in Assam. The draw and dates are: Bengal vs Orissa and Assam vs Bihar — Dec. 13 to 15. Final: Dec. 17 to 19.

DURGAPUR:

THE eleventh Inter-Steel Plant boxing championship, organised by Durgapur Steel Plant, concluded here recently. Altogether, 45 boxers from six Steel Plants took part. Indian Iron & Steel Company (IISCO) of Burnpur secured the championship collecting 33 points while TISCO of Jamshedpur emerged runners-up with 30 points.

—N.G.P.



The captain of the Bihar women's handball team receiving the cup from Mr. Rusi Mody, TISCO managing director



The fifth national handball championships were held at Jamshedpur recently. Air Force won the men's title while Bihar bagged the women's event. In the pic above are the men's finalists, Air Force and Bihar

Zonal Round-up WEST



Lata

Devender

The Mazagon Dock cricket team which won the 'D' division Times of India Shield and the Moorjane Shield for Central Govt. offices



Devender, Lata triumph

INDORE:

THE men's singles final of the Shankar Prasad was a disappointment for the badminton-lovers of Indore for Devender Ahuja never allowed his rival Dinesh Khanna to settle down and won in two straight games 15-3, 15-4. In the women's singles final Lata Kailash met with little opposition from Kamal Vimadlal and in yet another one-sided affair she won 11-2, 11-7.

The men's doubles final offered a real feast. Having lost the first game at 5-15 Devender Ahuja and Partho Ganguli came into their own and overcame strong opposition from Romen Ghosh and Iqbal Maingargi to win 18-16. In the third game they had little difficulty in subduing their rivals 15-7.

The mixed doubles final, though a straight two games affair, was a well-fought out battle in which Satish Bhatia and Sudha Bafna beat Suresh Goel and Norin Padua 15-9, 15-11.

The only upset of the tournament was the defeat of second-seeded Norin Padua by Padmini Raut in the women's quarter-final. Padmini staged a grand recovery after losing the first game at 8-11. Though trailing, she caught up with Norin at 7-7 and won the second game without conceding another point (11-7). In the third game Norin gained an initial lead (5-1) but Padmini levelled the score at 10-10. Padmini went on to win 13-11.

—MAHENDRA MAHAJAN

VASCO:

SALGAOKAR Sports Club annexed the all-Goa volleyball tournament organised by the Marmagao Sports defeating Marmagao Sports Club in the final played at the Vasco Park. They won in straight sets.

Salgaokar encountered stiff resistance in the first set and were trailing 13-9. But excellent spiking by the Salgaokar boys enabled them to level scores and win the set at 15-13. The next two sets were rather one-sided with Salgaokar smashing to a 15-7, 15-7 win.

—F. D'SOUZA

Ilyas Ghouse wins Bandra Gym tourney



The winner Ilyas Ghouse, third from right, of the Bandra Gym tennis tournament with the chief guest Dillip Kumar and Saira Banu and Jimmy Mehta

A TENNIS tournament, organised by the Bandra Gymkhana Training Scheme, was won by Ilyas Ghouse who beat Adil Ghouse 6-4, 6-4 in the final.

Ramanathan Krishnan was the top seed but he lost to Adil Ghouse in the semis 1-6, 6-0, 3-6. But Krishnan and partner Niazul Latif won the doubles beating Nandan Bal and Chetan Desai 6-3, 6-3.

The women's event was won by Nirupa Mankad who easily beat Christabelle Fernandes. The boys singles under-18 winner was Nandan Bal who beat his partner Chetan Desai in three sets. The under-14 title was taken by Sandeep Jain who has won every event in his age group in the city. Other youngsters to impress were Adil Mistry and Ravi Mehrotra.

In another tournament conducted by the Shivaji Park Gymkhana, Ilyas and Adil Ghouse shared the singles trophy after winning a set each when bad light stopped play. They took the doubles title as well, beating Chetan Desai and Dhiren Rathod 6-4, 6-4.

Zonal Round-up **SOUTH**

CORPS OF SIGNALS, Jullundur claimed the coveted G. Kuppuswamy Naidu Memorial Trophy prevailing over Madras Engineering Group, Bangalore, 6-4, in the tie-breaker after the teams were deadlocked at one-all in the recently concluded all-India hockey tournament at Kovilpatti.

The final was largely a tale of tactical blunders for MEG, who after a morale-boosting lead through Chengappa fell back to defend allowing Signals to grab the initiative. Signals restored parity with minutes to go for the final whistle. The extra time proved of no avail and in the tie-breaker Signals edged out MEG 5-3.

But for the clash in dates with the just-concluded Murugappa tourney at Madras more outstation teams would have participated. In all 18 teams vied for honours in the 12-day tournament. And barring the final, the best match was undoubtedly between MEG and Indian Overseas Bank, Madras, in the semi-finals. It was a thriller right through IOB trailing by a goal let go waste a heaven-sent penalty stroke. Had they converted the stroke there might have been a different tale to narrate.

Lakshmi Group Sports Club, Kovilpatti with a late-second half goal brushed aside the spirited

challenge for the hardlines cup. Comprising a bunch of up and coming players, Lakshmi Group's centre-half Antony and left-extreme

Rajagopal dribbled their way delightfully into the hearts of the crowd with their speedy thrusts and uncanny anticipation.



Corps of Signals skipper Balakrishnan receiving the Kuppuswamy Naidu Memorial Trophy from Tirunelveli Collector Narayanan



The Coimbatore District Cricket Association team which won the S. S. Rajan Trophy for 1975-76

Signals win

Karnataka claim basketball cup

ANANTPUR:

KARNATAKA won the South Zone basketball championship beating Andhra 114-51 here. Karnataka has won all its matches in the five-team championship.

The heroes in the Karnataka camp were Selvakumar, Chandrapa, Viswanath, Parthasarathy and Rangadev.

Kerala finished second beating Tamil Nadu 78-65. At half-time, Tamil Nadu led 43-35 but Kerala reduced the margin to just one point (49-48) with still 14 minutes of play left in the second half.

The lead then changed hands before it was even at 56-all with 12 minutes to go. Thereafter Kerala through some good scoring by Mohanraj increased the lead and won.

Tamil Nadu beat Andhra 117-80 earlier.



BACK rank mating possibilities sometimes crop up suddenly and give rise to shocking Queen offers. In this beautiful game from last year's Milan Tournament, Black's final Queen move comes like a thunderbolt. A Rook up, White has to resign with all Black pieces en prise!

MODERN BENONI

White: Larsen

Black: Ljubojević

1. P04, NKB3 2. PQB4, PK3 3. NQB3, PB4 4. PQ5, PXP 5. PXP, PKN3 (a) 6. NB3, BN2 7. PK4, PQ3 8. BK2, 00 9. NQ2, RK1 10. 00, QN02 11. PQR4, PQR3 (b) 12. KR1, RN1 13. PB4, PE5! (c) 14. PK5, PXP 15. NXP, PQN4! 16. RPXP, RPXP 17. NXP, PN5! 18. NN5 (d) NXP 19. PXP, RXP! (e) 20. BKB4, NXP 21. BB4, BK3 22. BXR, BxB 23. QK2, QN4! 24. BxN, BxB 25. RR4 (f), RQB1! 26. NR7, QR5! 27. QxB, QB7!! White resigns (g)

(a) More prudent is 5... PQ3. The text permits the Pawn sacrifice 6. PQ6, QN3 7. BN5.

(b) 11... NK4 12. QB2, PKN4 is an alternative line.

(c) This Pawn sacrifice explains the idea behind Black's previous two moves. If 14. NXP, NXP 15. NXP, RXP 16. NXP, RQ5; or if 14. BXP, NB4 15. QB3, BN5 or 15. QB2, QK2 16. RK1, BB4 with active play.

(d) On 18. NB6, PXP 19. NXP, PXP 20. BXP, RxB 21. BB3, RXP Black has three pieces for Queen with a balanced position.

(e) Not 19... NXP? 20. BQB4, BK3 21. NQ6. The exchange sacrifice is well planned.

(f) The centralised Black Bishops are formidable. The threat 25... RXP! 26. QXR, QR4!

(g) If 28. RKN1, QXPch 29. RXP, RB8ch and mates.

P. Thipsay-Ravi Sekhar.
White: Kh1; Qe7; R's-d1, f1; N-d6; P's f5, g2, f2.

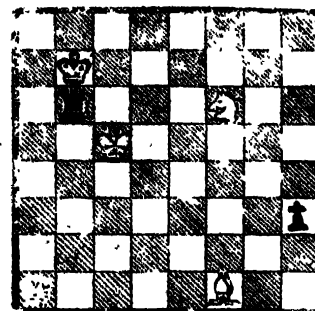
Black: Kg8; Qa4, R's-d8, f8; Bg7; P's a5, b7, f7, g6, h7.

This position arose in the Capt. Renade Memorial Tournament at Poona. Black must cautiously defend against White's attack before he can utilise his extra Pawns. The play was:

1. Pf6, Rd7! (not 1... Bh6? 2. Nf5!) 2. Qe5 (2. Qe3 fails to 2... Bxf6 3. Rxf6, Qxd1ch) 2... Bh6 3. Rd4, Qc6 4. Rfd1, Qc2! (so that if the Knight moves 5... Qxd1ch and mates) 5. Qxa5, Rfd8 6. R4d3! (Tricky, tempting 6... Rxd6? 7. Rxd6?, Qxd1 and mates; but White can pay in the same coin by 7. Qxd8ch! Rxd8 8. Rxd8ch, Bf8 9. Rxf8ch! Kxf8 10. Rd8 mate!) 6... Bf8! 7. Ph3, Rxd6 8. Qxd8, Rxd8 9. Rxd8, Qc6! White resigns. On 10. Rxf8ch etc. the Q can interpose and White's f-Pawn is also attacked.

PROBLEM

By S. N. Ravi Shankar



White: Kc5; Qa1; Bf1; Nf6.

Black: Kb7; Rb6; Ph3.

White to play and mate in 5.



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FOUR Commonwealth Games relay records — two on the running track and two in the water.

This remarkable performance was achieved by eight Australian girls in the 1950 Games held at Auckland, New Zealand. Four records during two memorable days in the history of Australian sport — February 10 and 11.

On the lovely Eden Park grass track, Marjorie Jackson, the slim, 18-year-old sprinter led the way to both the relay running records. First it was the 440 yards, with her teammates Shirley Strickland, gold medal hurdles winner, and Vern Johnston.

This three-girl relay, consisting of one stage of 220 yards and two of 110 yards, proved an exciting

battle between the Australian, New Zealand and English teams, and it was the Australian girls who triumphed — in a new Commonwealth Games record time of 47.9 seconds.

Later that day, February 11, joined by Miss Shanley, they won the 660 yards relay (220 x 110 x 220 x 110) in 1 minute 13.4 seconds, to achieve yet another Games record.

Meanwhile, in the nearby Olympic Pool at Auckland, another Marjorie — Marjorie McQuade — was winning further fame for Australia in the two women's relay events, and two more Games records.

In the 330 yards medley relay the Australian girls swam brilliantly to beat a very powerful English trio. Marjorie McQuade, record-breaking winner of the 110 yards freestyle earlier in the competition, was partnered by Judy Davies, the Games backstroke champion and new record-holder, and Nancy Lyons, silver medallist in the 220 yards breaststroke event.

Three magnificent young swimmers, and they deserved all the cheers they received when they won the medley relay in the new

Games record time of 3 minutes 53.8 seconds.

Marjorie McQuade and Judy Davies were in the water again as members of the 440 yards freestyle relay team, together with Denise Norton and Dorothy Spencer. New Zealand, England and Canada provided stern opposition, but it was not good enough to curb the power of those four Australian girls who raced to the gold medals and another Games record — 4 minutes 44.9 seconds.

Four Commonwealth Games records in four relays — that in itself must be another record.

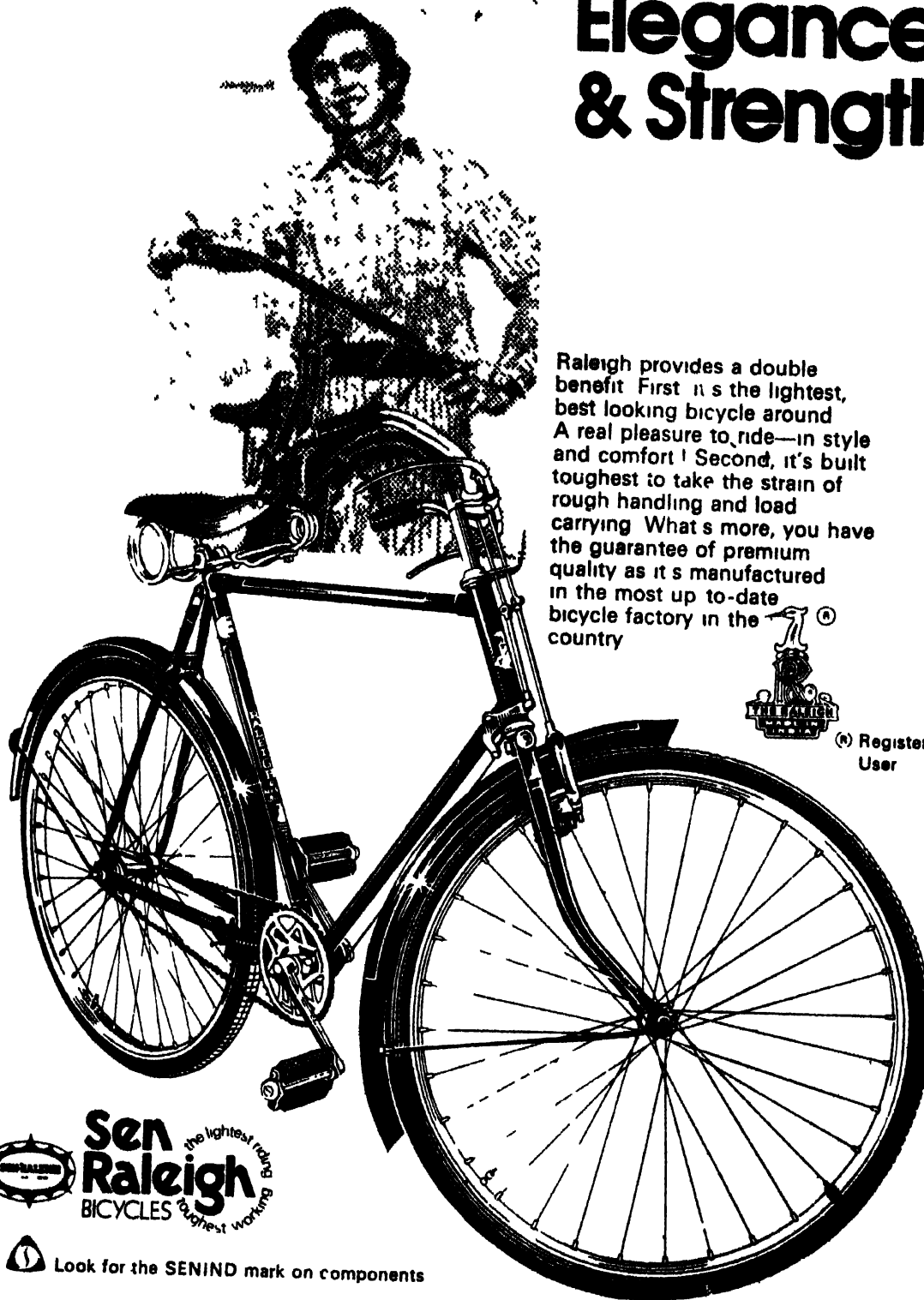
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Windies Board clears the air

by TONY COZIER

THE West Indies Cricket Board of Control had a lot to occupy its attention at its annual general meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad, in mid-May.

Guyana's militant stand on relations with South Africa and its decision to ban all cricketers who had either played or coached there was the subject which had generated widest general interest. Whatever the Board's response to that position, it was clear it would have serious effects on the future of the game in the West Indies.

The Board's position had not been previously clear. After the furore over Gary Sobers' visit to Rhodesia in 1970, it issued a statement declaring that anyone who went to South Africa (or Rhodesia) would be jeopardising his chances of selection for the West Indies. Yet Rohan Kanhai was chosen for the World Cup squad within a few months of his return from a coaching assignment there.

Now everything has been clearly set out. The statement after the meeting was predictable in its wording: "The West Indies Cricket Board of Control wishes to reiterate its total opposition to the system of apartheid in South Africa and Rhodesia and advises that all players from the West Indies under its jurisdiction will not be permitted to participate in matches organised by the Board at home or abroad."

It went further: "The Board reaffirms that no official team from any country which tours South Africa or Rhodesia will be welcome in the West Indies until cricket there is organised on a multi-racial basis and teams are selected on merit."

This effectively puts an end to the Test career of Kanhai — and also of Geoffrey Greenidge and John Shepherd who have also played in Rhodesia and South Africa. Whether Sobers would also be covered by such a ruling is a moot point. He has just started a job as sporting co-ordinator with the Caribbean Community (Caricom) governments.

The Board's ruling also ensures that there will be no more situations such as that which led to Barbados withdrawing from its match against Guyana in the Shell Shield tournament because of Guyana's ban on Geoffrey Greenidge on the grounds that he had played in South Africa. It was decided, at the meeting, that neither team would get a point from the abandoned game.

There was no specific mention of the Guyana Government's declared intent to debar all those

with South African records. The Board appeared resigned, as is everyone else, that there will be no Test cricket in Georgetown involving Australia, England or New Zealand until there is a change in South Africa's political system. The cancellation of the England Youth Team's games in Guyana in August was confirmed and is an indication of future developments.

Perhaps the most surprising decision taken at the meeting was the choice of the three-man selection panel. After serving on the panel for the past six years, the last three as chairman, the former Test batsman, Clyde Walcott, was voted off completely. It could hardly have been more ill-timed for Walcott is manager of the West Indies team which has just started a tour of England and, as such, is one of the tour selectors (along with captain, Clive Lloyd, and vice-captain, Deryck Murray).

As unforeseen as the removal of Walcott was the choice of his successor — Joey Carew who will be chairman with the other two members being J. K. Holt (replacing Andy Ganteaume) and Joe Solo-

mon (the only one to keep his position).

Carew has never before served as a West Indies selector and only briefly as a Trinidad selector. He played 18 Tests between 1963 and 1972 and made two tours to England in 1963 and 1966 and to Australia and New Zealand in 1968-69. He captained Trinidad to the Shield in 1970 and 1971 and is highly regarded as an astute judge of the game.

A list of future international engagements — confirmed, possible and probable — was issued. It is:

1977 — Pakistan to West Indies (confirmed).

1978 — Australia to the West Indies (confirmed).

1978/79 — West Indies to India (probable).

1979 — West Indies to New Zealand and Pakistan (possible).

1980 — West Indies to England, shared tour (confirmed).

1981 — MCC to West Indies (confirmed).

1982 — New Zealand to West Indies (possible).

1983 — Pakistan to West Indies (possible).



Sir Garfield—by Ulyett

SIR GARFIELD SOBERS, otherwise "the king" or "the emperor," but certainly without peer in the history of cricket, has just accepted a government post that will make him overlord of sports development in the West Indies.

The emphasis is, naturally, on youth. And Sir Gary who backs away from coaching with the delicacy of a cat treading a hot tin roof, stresses his major aim will be to provide the sort of facilities necessary to properly equip the talent that abounds in the Caribbean when it has to face up to the rest of the world.

Sir Garfield —overlord

"It could work out very well," he muses, "but I will never get involved in coaching."

Sir Garfield, you see, believes that the brain shapes all the subsequent body actions when it comes to playing cricket, striking a golf ball, kicking a football, or whatever.

He started with softball cricket and says: "The mind gets the body moving into the right places so you can hit that ball."

"There is no fear, no worries about the ball hurting you and then, when you move into the hard-ball game, you just keep doing naturally what the mind told you to do when the ball was soft."

There, perhaps, is the best coaching tip of all, because the young Sobers moved out of softball to plunder a world record 7,627 runs from Test cricket, the highest ever Test innings (365) and became a bowler of considerable class in three different styles.

—JOHN MORGAN.

Now, world cup for athletics

THE staging of a world cup athletics competition at Dusseldorf (West Germany) next September is a significant breakthrough for Asian countries, and a feather in the cap of Umrao Singh, the Asian representative in the International Amateur Athletics Federation executive council.

Plans for the competition were approved at the insistence of Asian and African members at the IAAF meeting in London recently.



Nafisa Ali... from an aqua-queen to a beauty-queen... this ace swimmer from Bengal is this year's Miss India. The contest was conducted by the makers of Gwalior Sultings and Eve's Weekly

The plans were successfully pushed through even though the European countries were not particularly receptive because they already have a well-established competition structure and their athletes have good enough top level exposure.

The Europeans also feel that the



Umrao Singh... spokesman for the Third World athletes

world cup competition could disrupt their preparations for other meets but the Asian and African countries put up two strong reasons for having the competition:

1) Asian and African athletes have limited exposure to world class competition, hence their comparatively low standards;

2) After deducting expenses, a sizable amount of money will be left for the Asian Amateur Athletics Association to carry out their own technical aid programmes.

Umrao Singh believes that enough money could be collected from television, rights, commercial sponsorship and sale of tickets. Ten per cent of this would go to the hosts and the balance would be shared by the IAAF, regional bodies and national associations of the competitors.

Under the approved plans to be submitted to the IAAF congress at Montreal in July, the host country will bear the travelling and accommodation expenses of the competitors.

Eight teams will compete in the inaugural meet. The 1977 European Cup champions and runners-up will take part as national teams in Dusseldorf next September 2-4 and a third team will be drawn from the rest of Europe.

The US will compete as a na-

Cricketers of the week...5

BIRTHS

June 27

C. G. McCartney (Aus) 1886
K. M. Rangnekar (Ind) 1917
R. Appleyard (Eng) 1924

June 28

J. L. Cox (SA) 1886
P. Heine (SA) 1929
R. Gilchrist (WI) 1934

June 29

A. H. H. Gilligan (Eng) 1896
A. N. Connolly (Aus) 1939
R. G. A. Headley (WI) 1939
A. Hill (Eng) 1950
Talat Ali (Pak) 1950,

June 30

M. J. K. Smith (Eng) 1933
J. A. Jameson (Eng) 1941
P. M. Pollock (SA) 1941

July 1

F. A. Lowson (Eng) 1925

July 2

L. P. J. O'Brien (Aus) 1907

July 3

C. J. Barnett (Eng) 1910
J. Hardstaff—Jr. (Eng) 1911
A. R. Nayudu (Ind) 1924
W. E. Russell (Eng) 1936
R. J. Hadlee (NZ) 1951
Wasim Hasan (Pak) 1952.

DEATHS

June 28

V. T. Trumper (Aus) 1915
G. Gunn (Eng) 1958

July 1

R. A. Young (Eng) 1968
Lord L. S. Constantine (WI) 1971

July 2

Baqa Jilani (Ind) 1941
W. R. Hammond (Eng) 1965.

—K. ISWARA DUTT

tional team and the other four squads will be regional selections from Africa, Asia, Oceania and the rest of the Americas.

Although the marathon and walks have been deleted, national associations can appeal to the IAAF congress in Montreal to consider their inclusion.

The Asian competitors will be picked at the 1977 Asian track and field championships to be held in New Delhi, pending the Indian Government's approval.

Meanwhile, plans for a triangular athletics meet between India, Singapore and Malaysia are being worked out to further raise the standard of athletics of these countries.



The Indian junior squad for Wimbledon: Shankar Krishnan (left), Ramesh Krishnan, Bhupathy, Anjali Banaik and Susan Sinclair-Jones with coach Akhtar Ali

The juniors are ready

CALCUTTA:

THE South Club's status as a pre eminent centre of tennis in the country may have undergone devaluation lately, but its lawns remain the best in the land: and here the young hopefuls of Indian tennis — the members of the national junior squad — gathered on June 9 for a coaching camp under the charge of Akhtar Ali before their departure for London.

Twenty-two years ago Ramana-nathan Krishnan, then 17, became the only Indian to win a title at Wimbledon when he beat Australia's Ashley Cooper (who won the men's singles in 1958) in the final of the boys' event. And this time his son Ramesh is India's second choice for Junior Wimbledon, the first being national junior champion, left-hander R. Elangovan.

The Junior Wimbledon events, started in 1949, are held in the second week of the championships fortnight — and this time commence on June 28. Coach Akhtar Ali has been pointing out that in recent years Indian participants have been pitched into competition before they got accustomed to the climate and grass-courts, simply because the squad leaves India too late.

Ali thinks the squad should be named immediately as the domestic circuit ends in April, and be sent out at least three weeks ahead so that those selected for Junior Wimbledon are able to get into

their best form at the time of the big meet.

This time, of course, India's number one candidate, Elangovan, will join the squad in London as he is currently US-based, with a tennis scholarship at a junior college in Anderson, South Carolina. The camp here has been attended by Ramesh Krishnan, his cousin Shankar Krishnan, Hyderabad's C. K. Bhupathy and Calcutta's Susan Sinclair-Jones — who has earned the right to play in the girls' event — with Assam girl Anjali Banaik (who lost in the selection match) joining in.

Elangovan, from Coimbatore, is a stocky lad who — according to Ali — has a steady, all-court game but needs to develop his speed. However, compared to the Madras cousins, he was disappointed when playing against seniors.

Shankar Krishnan, son of Ramana-nathan Krishnan's sister, is a hard-working 18-year-old now in his second year at college. Last year he was — with Ashok Amritraj — the country's representative in Junior Wimbledon, losing to David Becker of Canada. Ali describes him as "a good clay-court player."

Ramesh Krishnan, who was 15 on June 5, has changed a lot from the chubby 12-year-old I first saw during the 1973-74 Pune Nationals. He will take his school-leaving exams next March. Ali says the boy has a tendency to put on

weight and so has to do physical training rigidly. On his game, the coach thinks his forehand is still a bit weak and comments that he doesn't possess the uncanny anticipation that made his father such a great player.

The bespectacled Krishna Bhupathy, who will be 18 in October, has the advantage of good height and possesses a steady backhand. But Ali found he was using the Eastern forehand grip for both service and backhand, and got Bhupathy to hold his racket differently for the serve.

Susan Sinclair-Jones, who too will turn 18 later this year, is a steady baseliner but her volleying is poor. Her doubles partner Anjali Banaik (who is also going to Anderson on a two-year tennis scholarship) has a more athletic build but coach Ali thinks that among girls Madras' Amrita Ahluwalia (who has been named in the Federation Cup team) is a better prospect because she is two years younger than the other two.

The boys from the south are not very accustomed to grass-court play, and while Ali put them through their paces in regular morning and afternoon sessions, it was nice to see TPAI secretary Jaldip Mukerjee — not going abroad for the first time since he first played in the 1959 Wimbledon as a junior — join them at practice and show them patches of his old skill at the net.

—SUBROTO SIKKAR

SPORTSWEEK'S SPOT—THE—BALL CONTEST...3

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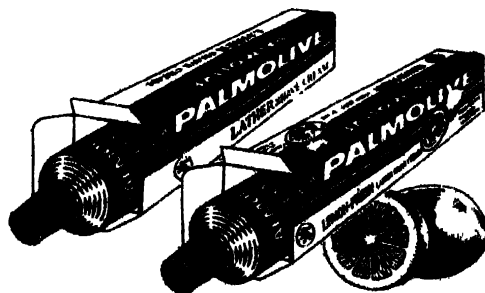
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Bose in the saddle . . .

CALCUTTA:

SO Bengal's Dilip Kumar Bose, 54-year-old former Asian champion and Davis Cup player, won Indian tennis' two-horse-race "Bangalore Derby"—the contest against Pune-based medical practitioner G. A. Ranade for the honorary secretaryship of the All-India Lawn Tennis Association — held in the Garden City of the South on the morning on June 11, and thus was the path cleared for a straightening out of the lately-garbled affairs of the AILTA.

Bose, backed by 12 of the association's affiliated units, got the better of Doc Ranade by 61 votes to 47, and immediately found himself involved in the hectic business of getting the clearance for India's junior squad and attending to other AILTA matters held up pending the elections which, according to the association constitution, should have been over by April 30.

The new AILTA president is Union Finance Minister C Subramaniam and new faces in the long list of eight vice-presidents include Karnataka Minister Gundu Rao and

ex-Davis Cupper Jimmy Mehta, representing the International Club. Surprisingly, retiring president M. N. Bery has been named a vice-president now!

Tamil Nadu's M. V. G. Apparao is the new treasurer, while the past incumbent, Karnataka's B. R. Kapinipathy — seasoned Davis Cup referee — finds a place in the newly-constituted executive committee. As per the tradition of the association, the committee-men were



'Doc' Ranade Dilip Bose

nominated by the secretary, with Padma Bhushan Raj Kumar Khanna, former secretary, magnanimously seconding the proposals.

Bose returned to his Calcutta base with just the tag of honorary secretary, as Dr. Ranade had apparently been sufficiently confident of success not to have arranged for the hand-over of the AILTA files to somebody else. While Bose is away in Europe, executive member Sarnagat Singh (Haryana) will officiate as secretary.

The elections being the big event, little of much note transpired at Bangalore. Jimmy Mehta is to be referee of the Indian Open there in November: a sensible choice since he is not just an ex-international but has also maintained his international contacts. A problem surrounds India's Galea team: the players have to be born not earlier than 1956 and apparently three of the four named in the team were born in 1955. And a comforting note concerns Raj Kumar Khanna (possibly disappointed at the non-election of his protege) who will represent India together with Bose, at the Davis Cup Nations meeting in London on July 1 and the ILTT session in Monte Carlo six days later.

—SS

IN 1965 M. A. Chidambaram, a father figure in the Board of Control for Cricket in India, was beaten by Kerala's Goda Varma Raja, one of India's greatest servants of sport, at the annual meeting of the All-India Lawn Tennis Association. With MAC went Davis Cupper, Sumant Misra, reigning AILTA secretary, who was defeated by Raj Kumar Khanna. That was then considered a big shake-up.

Under the G. R. Varma - R. K. Khanna regime, Krishnan-led India had the rare honour of making the challenge round of the Davis Cup tournament. History almost repeated itself a couple of years ago when India beat the Soviet Union but forfeited the right to play South Africa in the Challenge Round. At that time, President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, then a Cabinet Minister, was the AILTA president. He resigned after being elected President of the country.

Behind the scenes of that, the Davis Cup tie against the Soviet Union, the third staged in Pune, hangs a tale of a missionary at work. Ignoring medical advice, Doctor Ranade, who had had a stroke earlier, worked from morn to night to see that the wet courts were fit for play. It was only due to his zeal that the AILTA, who had even suggested a change of venue for the semi-final as their secretary was almost bed-ridden, that the tie was played in Pune.

Ranade became AILTA secretary a year back when Khanna decided

. . . Ranade out of it

to lay down office, bowing to the government directive limiting the tenure of office-bearers in national federations. The good doctor had hoped to win the ballot this year, but he was up against a tough rival in Dilip Bose who had done well during the last Grand Prix at Calcutta.

Ranade lost by just two man-votes though one may be misled by the figures — Bose 61 votes and Ranade 46. The AILTA election system is peculiar. There are 20 affiliates of the body which includes the Services, the Railways and the Inter-University Board who are allowed a representative each and each of them has five votes. Besides all the office-bearers (president, eight vice-presidents, two life-patrons, secretary, treasurer) have a vote each. Among the affiliates is the International Lawn Tennis Club whose contribution to the game by way of development is nil.

For a body, which has had top government officials as its chief, it is surprising that this system of voting continues, particularly when the government, which has been making a plea for one state-one association, has issued guidelines to federations. Among the first to follow the guidelines was the AILTA.

This writer knows for a fact

that there were attempts to avoid a contest at Bangalore for the post of secretary and treasurer, but this was not possible. However, if a climate of compromise had prevailed the AILTA would have had a more effective set on the executive than the present one.

The biggest surprise was that B. R. Kapinipathy, who has acted as referee in international competitions, figured as the representative of Assam and found a place in the executive again. 'Kapni' was expected to support Khanna. But? This system of proxy must end now if the AILTA has the future of the game at heart.

Conspicuous by their absence from the committee are representatives from Maharashtra, Andhra and Madhya Pradesh who in recent years have contributed in good measure to the progress of the game. Apparently, the election battle has had its effect on the selection of the candidates for the executive.

One hopes C. Subramaniam, who succeeded the interim president M. M. Berry (Railways), now among the big hand of vice-presidents, will see that things are streamlined in the AILTA. But much will depend on Bose. Well Dilip, the ball is in your court.

—SW Correspondent

AN official of the Board of Control for Cricket in India was telling me about the board's new policy "It will be based on the present English policy of playing old cricketers," he said

"You mean like Brian Close and other elder cricketers that the English selectors have recalled," I said

"Yes," said the official "England can do it, I do not see any reason why we should lag behind. About time we learnt from the experiences of others."

I said "I agree"

The official continued: "For too long have we depended on young cricketers, inspite of everybody saying give age a chance Indian cricket can never progress unless the old are given an opportunity and encouragement"

"When do you intend to start selecting old cricketers?" I asked.

"First things first," said the official "First we will send some of our board members and representatives of the government

BUZZING AROUND

by BUSYBEE

to England to study how their experiment of encouraging ancient cricketers is working Some members will also visit Australia, West Indies to see if they have also started making use of their old cricketers"

"Then what?" I asked

"Then we will have a coaching camp for old cricketers, preferably in Bangalore, because all our players prefer to stay in Bangalore. Also because the board's members would like to spend the summer in Bangalore," he said.

"Good," I said.

"We may hire the services of a

the game was played by the Royal family of a land in the late 17th century. This is indicated by a portrait showing the stance used by present-day players. A similar game is also said to have been played in China. There is, however, no conclusive proof of the real origin of the game or its inventor.

Q WHAT is the religion of Rudy Hartono and Iie Sumirat of Indonesia?

—Jamil Akhtar (Gaya, Bihar).

A BADMINTON, obviously, considering the fervour with which they have been playing the game

few young cricketers to coach the old cricketers and put them in shape," the official said. "I see no harm in that."

"None at all," I said. "What would be the composition of the team?"

"We may have one or two youngsters in the team, to sort of balance it. A combination of experience and youth, as it were," the official said "However, care will be taken to see that all those old cricketers, who have been knocking at our doors for the last 30 or 40 years, will be given a chance"

"And what about all the young cricketers?" I asked "All those promising young men, what will happen to them?"

The official said "Their turn will also come, once they are old and past 40 and mature enough to play Test cricket."

"I am glad to hear that," I said. "Will Polly Umrigar be selected in this new team of yours?"

The official replied "I am afraid not. He is not old enough"

QUESTION BOX

Q WHO invented the game of badminton?

—Pralay Choudhury (Satna, M.P.)

A THERE are many versions about the origin of the game. Royal court records show that the game was played in England as early as in the 12th century. There are also indications to show that

Q WHAT is the date of birth of hockey star B. P. Govind?

P. Ravi (New Delhi).

A MARCH 3, 1951

Q WHO is the elder between Surinder and Mohinder Amarnath?

—Sundip Ranjan Gosh Gupta (Durgapur).

A SURINDER

Q WHO is the best fielder among Prasanna, Chandrasekhar, Bedi and Venkatraghavan?

—R. Vedantham (Bombay 71).

A VENKAT, though the others are fairly "safe"

Q WHAT is the Test record of Hanumant Singh?

—Sudhir Garg (Ajmer).

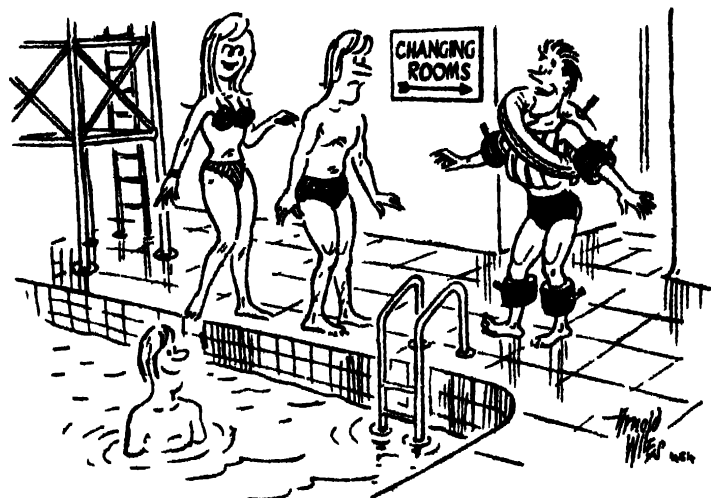
A HANUMANT played in 14 Tests and scored 686 runs at an average of 31.18. He made a century on debut — 105 against England in the fourth Test at New Delhi in 1964 — and that is his highest score. He also held 11 catches.

Q WHO was the first Indian to score a century against Australia in a Test match?

—B. Ramarao (Sondamunda, Orissa).

A VINO MANKAD. He made 116 in the third Test at Melbourne in 1947.

ALL IN THE GAME!



"We all have to learn, don't we?"

MAIL BAG

Congrats to Umrao, MAM

HEARTIEST congratulations to Umrao Singh, Sports Minister of Punjab and chairman of the selection committee of the Amateur Athletic Federation of India on his appointment as a member of the Jury of Appeal for athletics at the Montreal Olympic Games. Congrats also to M. A. M. Ramaswami, IAF president, on his appointment as a member of Jury of Appeal for hockey at the Montreal Olympics. Now at least we are well represented on the panel of games that matter.

—Iqbal Singh Saroya (Patiala).

Ranji bore

IN the past, several Ranji Trophy matches have turned into games of attrition with each team interested only in the first innings lead. In many of the matches each team is able to complete only the first innings. It is time the authorities start thinking of changing the points scoring system.

In additions to the runs scored, the points awarded should depend on the scoring rate and the number of wickets lost. It may not be possible to have a perfect system, but certainly what we have now is not perfect and a change on the above lines can only make for fairer results and brighter, better cricket.

—S. K. Korah (Hyderabad).

Save Kindo, heal Govinda

MICHAEL KINDO, our ever-reliable full-back is down and out with a hairline fracture. Hope this does not turn out to be another Charles affair.

—R. G. Pillai (Bombay).

ON behalf of all hockey fans and Govinda fans in particular, I request the authorities to see that the star India forward is given

IT pained and saddened me to read Mohan Palat's letter in SW of June 13, describing Brian Close's recall to Test cricket as "ridiculous." There's method in selectorial madness. Brian Close, the old war-horse, showed the stuff he's made of in England's first innings of the Lord's Test, when he withstood the fury of Roberts and Holding with the same cool courage as he showed against the fearsome fast men of a generation ago, Hall and Griffith, at this same historic ground 13 years ago.

There's only one adjective applicable to the likes of this magnificent courageous cricketer. He was playing first-class cricket in the Test when my nephew, Manoj Holding and Wayne Daniel were not even born.

IBLE! He is the only player in cricket today who will stand non-challantly at belligerent and contemptuous ease when hit repeatedly on head and body by bouncers and beamers, never rubbing the spot, even when bruised black and blue from head to thigh—bruises which he proudly wore like a badge of supreme courage. I salute Brian Close!

—B. B. Mama (Panchgani.)

THERE's nothing to stop a 45-year-old from playing cricket—and that too Test cricket if he's fit enough and tough enough to stand up to the thunderbolts of the world's fastest bowlers. Good luck Brian Close.

—Sund and Anil Malhotra (New Delhi).

End this apathy

IN India the games master in school does not get the respect which he deserves from his wards nor from the authorities. This sort of apathy towards a man, who more than anybody else, can implement the oft-repeated slogan "catch 'em young" is detrimental to our sport.

If we want to bring about a perceptible improvement in our sporting standards, the authorities must see to it that sports are integrated with the rest of the school curricula in a manner in which the games master will be able to play an effective role in fostering sports at the grass-roots level.

A percentage of the aggregate marks could be awarded for sporting activities, participation in which will inculcate in our future citizens a sense of discipline and a spirit of keen competition. In this context let us recall the evocative words of the Duke of Wellington, "The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton."

—Ashoke Roy (Burdwan).

No football

OUR editorial column only has cricket, hockey, politics etc. Our column has not said anything about football. This is unfair, it is a game of the millions. I hope through SPORTSWEEK we will get back the lost glory that we had during the days of players like Chuni Goswami, Balaram, Jarnail Singh etc.

—P. S. Bhaduree (Calcutta).

(We do comment on football as well from time to time as we did in our last issue.—Ed.)

Kudos to AIFF

KUDOS to the newly-formed All India Football Federation. The institution of new tournaments for clubs and commercial organisations and limited participation in tournaments will no doubt give a shot in the arm to the game. The proposal for professionalism should enliven the dying spirit of Indian football and one hopes that the semi-starved look of our average footballer will vanish.

—Rhabotosh Das (Goa).

the best of treatment so that he recovers in time for the Olympics.

—K. Prabhu Dass (Secunderabad).

IT was rather disappointing to find that the cover of SW June 20 in 'black and white', especially after the excellent 'colour' covers. Hoping to see 'colour' back on the covers.

—Parag Kamani (Bombay).

IT is time someone struck a note of caution in the generally high expectation that India will regain the Olympic hockey title. Let's not forget that the Europeans, because of their superior physical fitness will have an edge over us on artificial turf. Besides the congenial climate of Canada in July is bound to bring out the best in them. Then again Pakistan will be at full strength, and unless they lose through sheer bad temper as at Munich in 1972, will be a force to reckon with.

—P. Matilal (Madras).

An Aussie debt to India

AUSTRALIAN hockey enthusiasts are hoping it can win its first Olympic medal for hockey since 1935. Since the first Olympic hockey team has finished worse than sixth in the bronze medal in 1964 and the silver in 1968.

If Australia does manage to get over the big three — India, Pakistan and West Germany — India will be able to share some of the credit India played a major part in Australia's meteoric rise to prominence in world hockey in the 1950's, and the hockey links between Australia and India go to 1935.

It was in 1935 that the sport of Australian hockey first tasted international competition with the visit of an Indian Army team. It is a wonder it survived that initial humiliation, as the Indian team won 12-1. But the game proved and by 1954 Australia had more than 10,000 players.

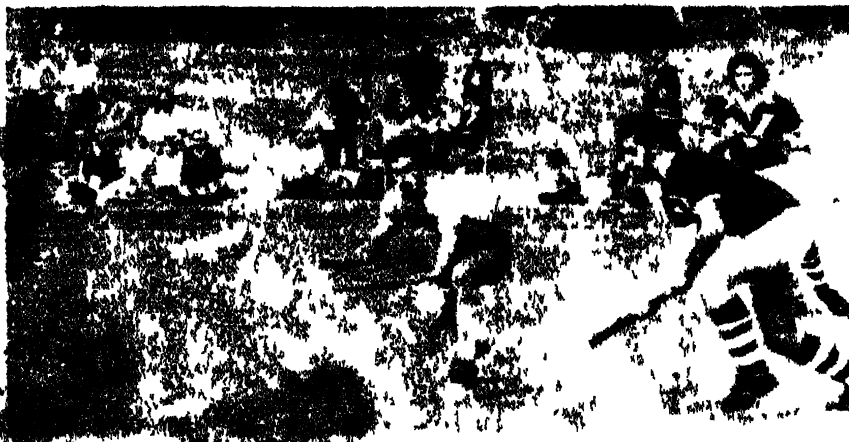
Then came the Melbourne Olympics of 1956 and Australia, a sports loving nation, saw the thrill of the world's glamour sport. Australia finished in fifth place.

Hockey took on a new look and new clubs sprang up. Then on the western side of the continent in the city of Perth, an Anglo-Indian family named Pearce began writing a chapter in Australian sporting history which probably will never be equalled.

Born in India, the five Pearce brothers settled in Perth in the late 1940's. The eldest, Cec, immediately set about introducing the fast, Indian-style game with its distinctive nimble stickwork into Australian hockey. He found an enthusiastic partner in Charlie Morley, the West Australian coach who had adopted the Indian technique after watching the 1935 Indian Army team.

The results were sensational. With the five Pearce brothers and another Anglo-Indian named Kevin Carton, the West Australian side began a spectacular run of success which still continues. The West Australians won the Australian title again in 1976, their 14th title in 20 years.

All five Pearce brothers eventually represented Australia at the Olympics, as did Kevin Carton. All played for the West Australian side in 1958 but they did not play for Australia together. Cec and Charlie Pearce played in the 1956 Mel-



Forward Nia Pearce (left), who is in the Olympic squad, is a real dasher

bourne Olympics and Gordon, Eric and John in the 1960 Olympic at Rome.

Personally, India's hockey coach, who brought for coaching and lecturing, Oly coach taking the Australian, also from West Australia, grew up in India.

Railroad's report from Bangalore was delayed in transit. We regret the disappointment to racing fans. —Ed.

Halfback David Bell, "baby" of the team at 21, and a member of the Western Australian State side is the only Olympian who has played on the type of artificial surface; trained for Montreal.

The Australian team's European schedule comprises a Test against West Germany at Limburg on June 24, followed by an unofficial match on June 26, a Test against the Netherlands on June 27 (venue undecided) followed by unofficial matches on June 29 and 30, and Tests against England on July 3 and 4.

Olympic team manager Keith Murton was elated by the performances of the Olympians during the national titles held in Melbourne, Victoria.

"They all played well, and fortunately nobody was injured," he said. "There were few complaints about Olympic selections."

"Australia has a very mature team, with 10 of the 16 in the squad being 24 or above. Captain 'Herbie' Haigh is still a champion at 31, a veteran of 86 'caps' (international games).

"The players with least experience — relatively speaking — are

Bell and forward Terry Walls both with 11 'caps'. It is a beautifully balanced team and we have great flexibility — nobody is regarded as a reserve.

"Vice-captain Richard Charlesworth was one of the stars of international titles, an inside forward who played fiercely and tackled well to help the defence. Charlesworth graduated as a doctor last year and during the hectic national titles repaired three sprained eyebrows and a split forehead among his teammates).

"Another prominent player was forward Greg Browning, still on 23, yet second only to Haigh in international experience, with 11 'caps'. Browning is very, very proficient and the skills which gained him Australian selection at 16 continue to mature.

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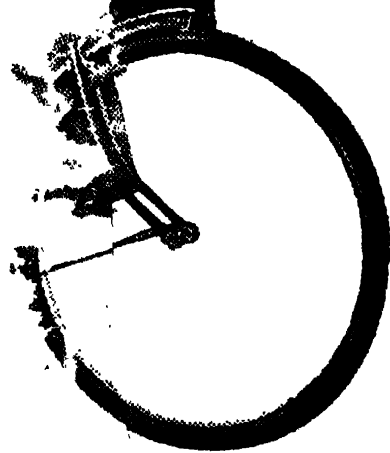
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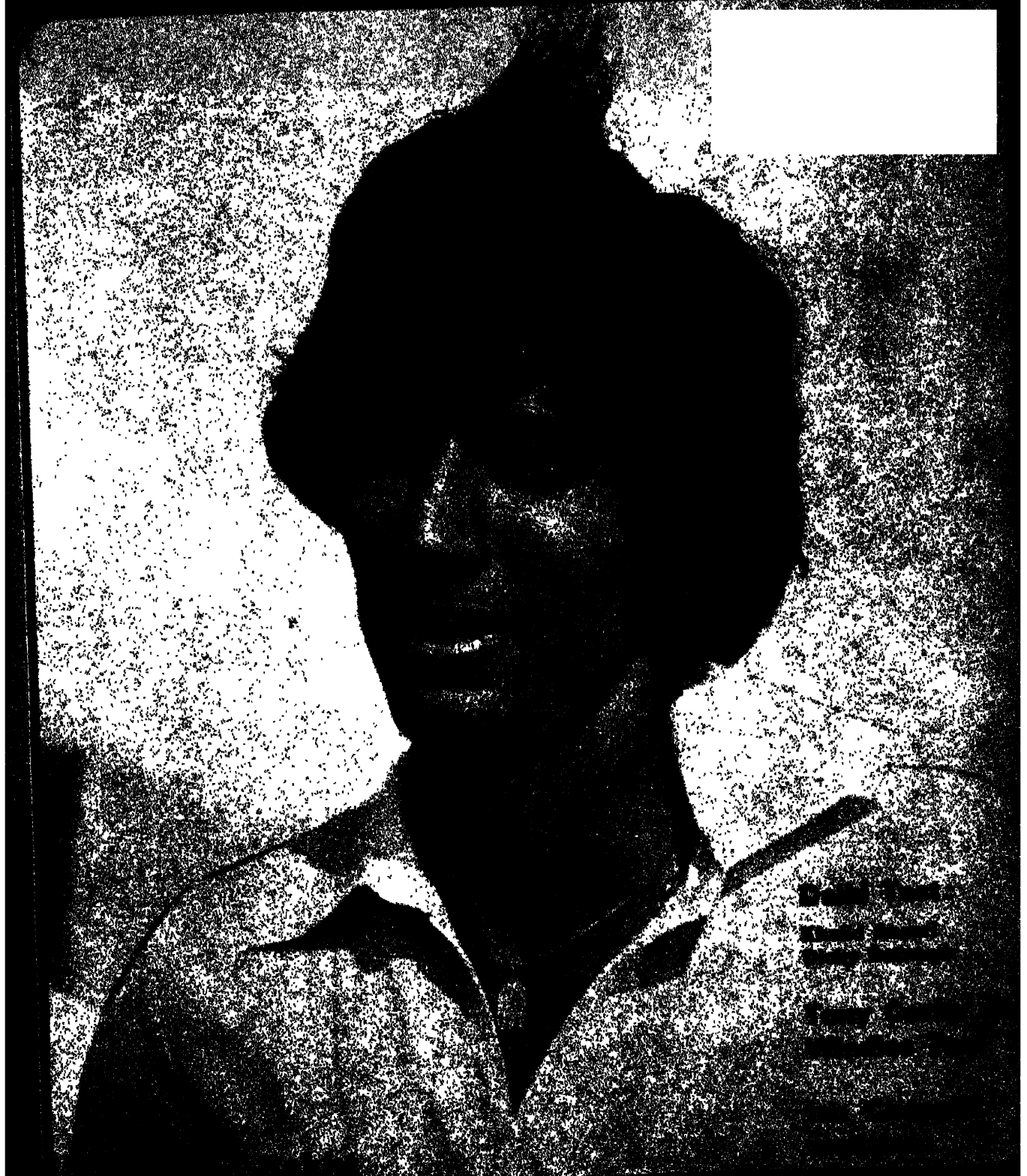


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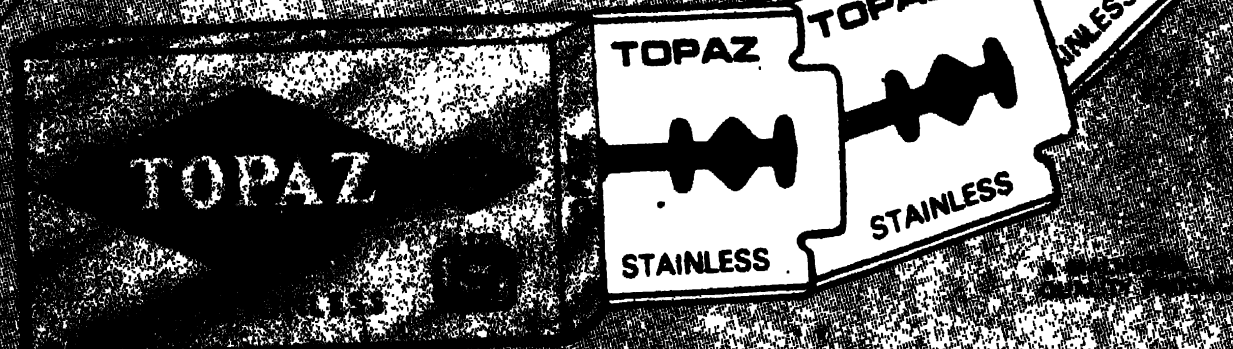
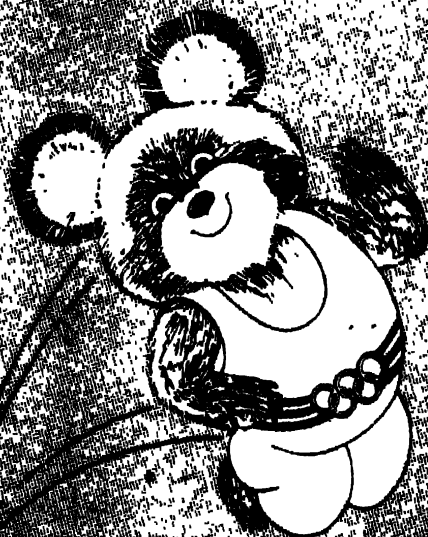


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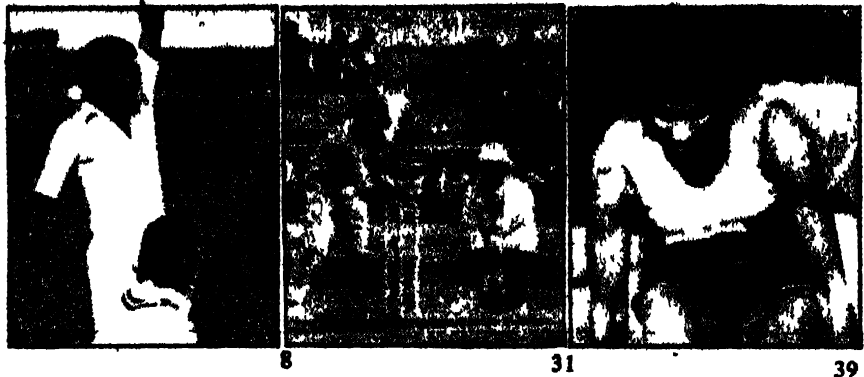
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Australian cricket followers have been treated to a succession of unforgettable innings from the game's two most majestic and commanding batsmen, Greg Chappell and Vivian Richards. It has been almost as if they were involved in an unofficial

contest for the title of world's batting champion. Tony Cozier reports from Down Under ... p 19.

Before the England match, Chappell had said the game would probably decide if he still had the right attitude to continue in international cricket. Now the same question is likely to be asked by the Australian selectors, says Pat Gibson ... p 27.

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Cover transparency: Sikander Bakht by Kamal Julka.

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SIKANDER BAKHT, a right-handed batsman and right-arm fast-medium bowler was born in Karachi on August 25, 1957.

In 1974-75, Sikander made his first-class debut playing for PWD, and, on October 30, 1976, playing for Pakistan versus New Zealand at Karachi, he made his debut in Test cricket. He took 1 for 68 and 2 for 38, but did not bat.

Before coming to India, Sikander has played in 14 Tests, scoring 90 runs for an average of 8.18 with his highest being 22 not out against India at Karachi in 1978-79. He captured 34 wickets for an average of 36.38.

'A great match'

WELL played India; full credit to you for your tremendous fight back", was Pakistan captain Asif Iqbal's comment to SPORTS-VEEK at the end of the Ferozeshah Kotla Test.

"Yes, I would say that a draw was a fair result because neither team really deserved to lose. We had India on the run for the first four days but the last day undoubtedly belonged to them," said he.

Asif was generous in his praise of Dilip Vengsarkar and Yashpal



Sunil Gavaskar

Sharma who in his opinion "turned the tide and brought India within an ace of victory."

When asked whether he expected the course of events which the game took on the last day, Asif replied, "Oh yes, I did. I am too experienced a cricketer to know that anything

can happen in this game of uncertainties."

And the prospects for the Bombay Test and the rest of the series? (laughingly) "I know how to play cricket but not how to make predictions," said Asif.

India skipper Sunil Gavaskar exclaimed, "what a great match. It had all the ingredients that a cricket lover could ask for — ups and downs, high drama and a real pulsating finish."

Gavaskar also made special mention of Dilip Vengsarkar and Yashpal Sharma who not only rescued India but almost won the Test on their own in the nailbiting finish. He too considered the result "a just one when you take into account the course of events."

Anxious

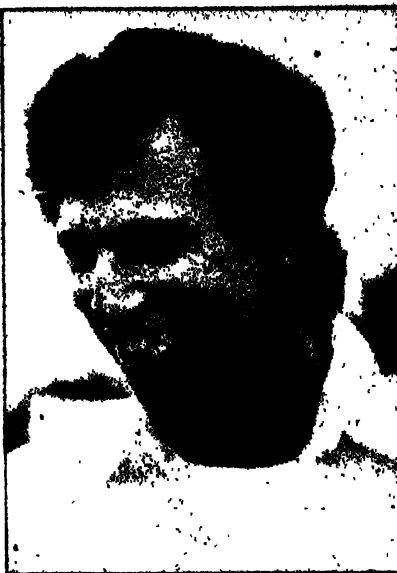
Gavaskar said "I am not really disappointed although it would have been great if we could have won." He said his team mates were confident of saving the Test even at the end of the third day. "But a win? We didn't go all out for victory when we started our second innings. Naturally we were anxious not to lose the Test and therefore didn't take too many risks. The sensible course of action in my opinion," said he, "was to stay there out in the middle, see how the wicket behaved and go for a win if possible without throwing away our wickets."

"We batted atrociously in the first innings but pulled up our socks in the second. I think we were inspired after seeing Dilip Doshi bat," said he.

Gavaskar said he was "delighted" at the way his boys had "developed into an efficient fighting unit." "The team work", said he, "was something to be admired."

According to him, the morale of the side was extremely high and he expected his team to do well in the rest of the series.

The Indian captain was happy with the way the Test had been conducted. "The wicket", he said "was a good one. It helped the seamers in the early stages and was



Asif Iqbal

responsive to spin on the fourth and fifth days. Dilip Doshi and Iqbal Qasim turned the ball considerably. And it (the wicket) was also good for stroke making.

"I would say that the lush green outfield here is the best that we now have in the country. At one time the Eden Gardens outfield was considered the best but no longer.

"I'm happy to see a definite desire on the part of the organisers here in Delhi to improve matters. I hope they continue the good work," said he.

Quotes

"The sooner the authorities change the cricket ball, the better. I have been playing in Tests for 16 or 17 years I don't think I remember any Test in which the ball was changed so many times".

— Asif Iqbal after the Delhi Test.

"For the first time in ages everything went right. For a set and a half I played almost perfect tennis. I was hitting the ball dead centre and my line shots were as good as any

I have ever played."

— Sue Barker after winning the Women's Classic in Sydney.

"The main thing is that we won and I contributed. I see myself as part of the team and with Clive Lloyd injured, I decided I had to get out on the battlefield and do my bit."

— Viv Richards after his 153 against Australia in the one-day international.

"That's the best I've seen anyone play. For consistent control, aggression, taking chances and succeeding, its got to be the greatest innings I've ever seen. There was nothing we could do about it".

— Greg Chappell on Viv Richards' magnificent 153 in the one-day international between the West Indies and Australia.

Victory, almost

—by Khalid Ansari—

INDIA did well to save the second Test at the Ferozeshah Kotla when it battled back from the jaws of defeat to come within an ace of victory.

But there was an element of *deja vu* about the nail-biting finish and India, once again, proved incompe-

tent in the matter of scoring quick runs at a crucial moment.

Whereas India deserve full credit for the determined manner in which its batsmen, notably Vengsarkar and Yashpal, put their heads down, there is no doubt that a little more urgency by its specialist batsmen earlier in

the innings would have swung the match in its favour. But I, for one would not like to detract from India's splendid performance even though it failed to snatch what would have been a spectacular victory.

Full marks, however, to Pakistan for the thoroughly efficient manner in which they fielded and saved every possible run and to Asif Iqbal for the extremely competent and imaginative manner in which he marshalled his resources which were depleted by the absence of Imran and Javed Miandad. His was a major contribution to the outcome.

But after all's said and done, the result was a fair one. As both captains stated to SPORTSWEEK, neither side deserved to lose.

Not in a long long time has pace bowling dominated the proceedings in a Test in India to such an extent if one were to include Asif Iqbal who bowls seamers (he is certainly not a spinner) in the category of pace bowlers, one finds that no less than 29 of the 33 wickets which fell in the match were claimed by the pacemen.

Phenomenon

And yet there was nothing in the wicket which could explain this phenomenon. With Imran *hors de combat* with a muscle rupture in his back, bowlers with the ability to seam the ball met with the greatest success.

One cannot escape the conclusion that the majority of the wickets which fell, certainly in India's first innings, were the result of pathetic deficiencies in the matter of technique. Batsmen of the technical competence and experience of Gavaskar, Vengsarkar and Chauhan, who have faced far superior bowling in their careers, had only themselves to blame for their dismissals in the first innings. In fact the same may be said of the Indian skipper in the second innings as well. But Chauhan who was shaping most confidently in the second innings was extremely unfortunate in that he received a wretched



Yashpal Sharma, the only Indian batsman to reveal technical ability in the first innings, is seen hitting Mudassar Nazar to the boundary

shoulder from Sikander as Binny, who had a great Test as bowler and batsman, had in the first innings.

This was not a match which Gavaskar and Viswanath will treasure in terms of their own contribution. Unfortunate in the extreme in the first innings in which he was run out off a deflection from the hands of Sikander Bakht in the process of holding a hot return catch, the hurricane little master Viswanath was bowled by a beauty of a delivery from orthodox left-hander Iqbal Qasim, even as he looked like getting set for a tall score. Gavaskar was out to good deliveries in both innings.

All myths about any devil in the wicket were exploded in the second innings by India's batsmen, Vengsarkar, Sharma and Chauhan, who brought about a parity of sorts between bat and ball. Whereas bowlers in the form of pacemen Sikander, Kapil and to some extent Roger Binny had influenced the course of the match until the last day, it was left to the vastly improved Vengsarkar who played a sterling knock and the exciting new find Yashpal Sharma to restore the balance in the second innings which had tilted the bowlers way hitherto in the match. The only good batting wore the cultured knocks of Wasim Raja (97 and 91), the competent captain's innings by Asif who was (64) ably supported by Miandad (34) and Imran (30).

Ability

Of the Indian batsmen only Yashpal Sharma (28 not out), who was concerned in a stubborn last wicket stand with Dilip Doshi in the first innings revealed the technical ability and the temperament to come to terms with Sikander who bowled intelligently and accurately.

India's task of winning the Test received a severe setback when Gavaskar imprudently lost his wicket in the second innings. His dismissal enabled Asif to attack and compelled the Indian batsmen to adopt safety first tactics. Had a few more runs been scored in the last session of play on the penultimate day there would well have been a different story to tell.

If this writer were to be asked to nominate his man of the match by no means an easy task the choice would have to be a joint one—Vengsarkar and Sikander. Admittedly Vengsarkar's heroic knock rescued India from the jaws of defeat and swung the match in India's favour. But no praise can be too lavish for Sikander's career-best performance in the first innings and his lion-hearted attempt in the second which fetched him 3 wickets.

There can be no denying the fact that Pakistan were severely handi-



Dilip Vengsarkar, who was dismissed cheaply by Sikander Bakht in the first innings, glances him for a four in the second innings on his way to a heroic knock of 146 not out.

capped by the absence of star pace bowler Imran and Javed Miandad. Javed's belligerent presence in the field, especially in the silly point position by itself puts even the most experienced and unruffled of batsmen under pressure.

The last stanza of the Test was reminiscent of the Lahore and Karachi Tests in the last series between

the two countries in Pakistan. In both those Tests the home side had succeeded in fashioning nail biting victories in the mandatory overs. But the delirious home crowd at Iqbal Shah Kotla was not as fortunate.

In the ultimate analysis Pakistan's professionalism and India's inability to force the pace under pressure decided the issue.

A humdinger

—by Dicky Rutnagur—

UNLIKE most Test matches that India and Pakistan have played, but akin to the previous one at Ferozeshah Kotla between the two countries, the second Test of the current series was a humdinger, even if it did not yield a result.

If India, starting the last innings with a deficit of 380, distinguished themselves by coming as close to winning as 28 runs, Pakistan are due a lot of honour for having pressed India so hard in spite of their main bowler Imran Khan, being incapacitated.

The numerous batting collapses and the fluctuations of fortune during the first four days and the tumult of the match's last hour, while Indian bats flailed in quest of 114 runs from 20 overs, were a pleasant surprise to anyone who had seen the pitch on the eve of the match.

It was mottled and almost bare, except for some straw-coloured grass which suggested it had been rolled to excess. Its creator, Sitaram, himself believed that this pitch would make for a high-scoring draw. As it turned out, it was a wolf in sheep's clothing. A lot of wickets in the first innings may have been lost because the batsmen had mentally prepared themselves for a feast of runs rather than hard graft on a seamers' happy hunting ground.

Dominated

One is hard put to recall a previous Test match on Indian soil which was so dominated by quick bowlers, both in terms of work put in and wickets taken. The pitch for this match was a "good cricket wicket" except that it denied the batsmen security in playing shots off the back foot.

The true definition of a "good cricket wicket" is one which starts off with lift and movement for the pace bowler, then settles down to let the batsman have his say and finally, on the last day and a half, gives the spin bowler his chance.

In this instance, the pace bowlers called the tune from start to finish

and except for Asif Iqbal, while he was making his 63 not out on the first day and Vengsarkar, towards the end of his second-innings marathon, no batsman looked entirely settled.

While one is grateful for having watched such an interesting tussle, it must be said that a pitch that allows movement off the seam for most of the match can make for some tedious cricket, with the batsman mechanically playing off the front foot and making abundant use of his pads as his first line of defence.

The keen finish leaves us asking some unanswerable questions. For instance, what would have been the end had Imran Khan not been put out of action? The first two overs he bowled in the first innings, when

India began their innings, just before lunch, were typical of the mercurial Pathan.

Imran got from the pitch such pace and bounce which we did not think it possessed. Whether he would have been able to reproduce such fire in subsequent spells, when the ball was less resilient and when the seam was beaten, is another question altogether.

What can be said with absolute certainty is that had India, in the same conditions, been pitted against a three-pronged pace attack of Sarfraz Nawaz, Imran Khan and Sikan-der Bakht, they would have done well to come out unscathed.

In view of Imran's injury, which does not look like mending easily, I wonder if Pakistan's cricket autho-



An excited Kapil Dev appeals successfully as he has Wasim Raja trapped leg-before for 97 in Pakistan's first innings

which will not forgive Sankar his sins and send him out as a reinforcement.

For the first time in five Test matches, India bowled out Pakistan—not just once, but twice. They could have done so more rapidly had Kapil Dev bowl straighter both innings, in the manner that Sikander Bakht did.

Seeing the ball swing and sear so much, Kapil Dev got a bit excited and sacrificed accuracy in trying to do too much with the ball. After a long time, Karan Chavri bowled more like himself. In fact, he bowled magnificently, without due luck. Binny too looked to have arrived as a Test bowler, although he tended to send down a gift ball every now and again, one which was despatched for four by experienced and talented batsmen.

For Pakistan, Sikander Bakht bowled with a maturity beyond his 22 years. He is of slight build and yet, toiling without a break for three and half hours on the second afternoon did not prove too much for him.

Indifferently

Admittedly, India batted very indifferently in the first innings, but that cannot detract from the merit of Sikander's performance, which was a revelation of his skill as well as his stamina. When I say that India batted indifferently, it is not to criticise them. Even at the risk of repetition, it has to be said that with the amount of cricket that the Indians have played since June, not to speak of all the travelling and the emotional strain of family separation involved, no one has a right to expect them to play their best day in and day out.

As much a highlight as Sikander Bakht's capture of eleven wickets in the match was Dilip Vengsarkar's 146 not out. If it is true that his lack of enterprise until the last session cost India a win, it is also a fact that but for him anchoring the innings, we would probably have lost.

It cannot be overlooked that Vengsarkar, for some weeks, was in deplorably poor form, his Test scores since his 89 in the first innings of the fifth Test against Australia (on October 27) being two, six, 33 and one.

The delay in mounting an offensive for victory cannot be reconciled with the eagerness with which India attacked to round up Pakistan's second innings. Despite the first innings collapse, I believe that India as a side are now playing well enough to take more risks in search of a win.

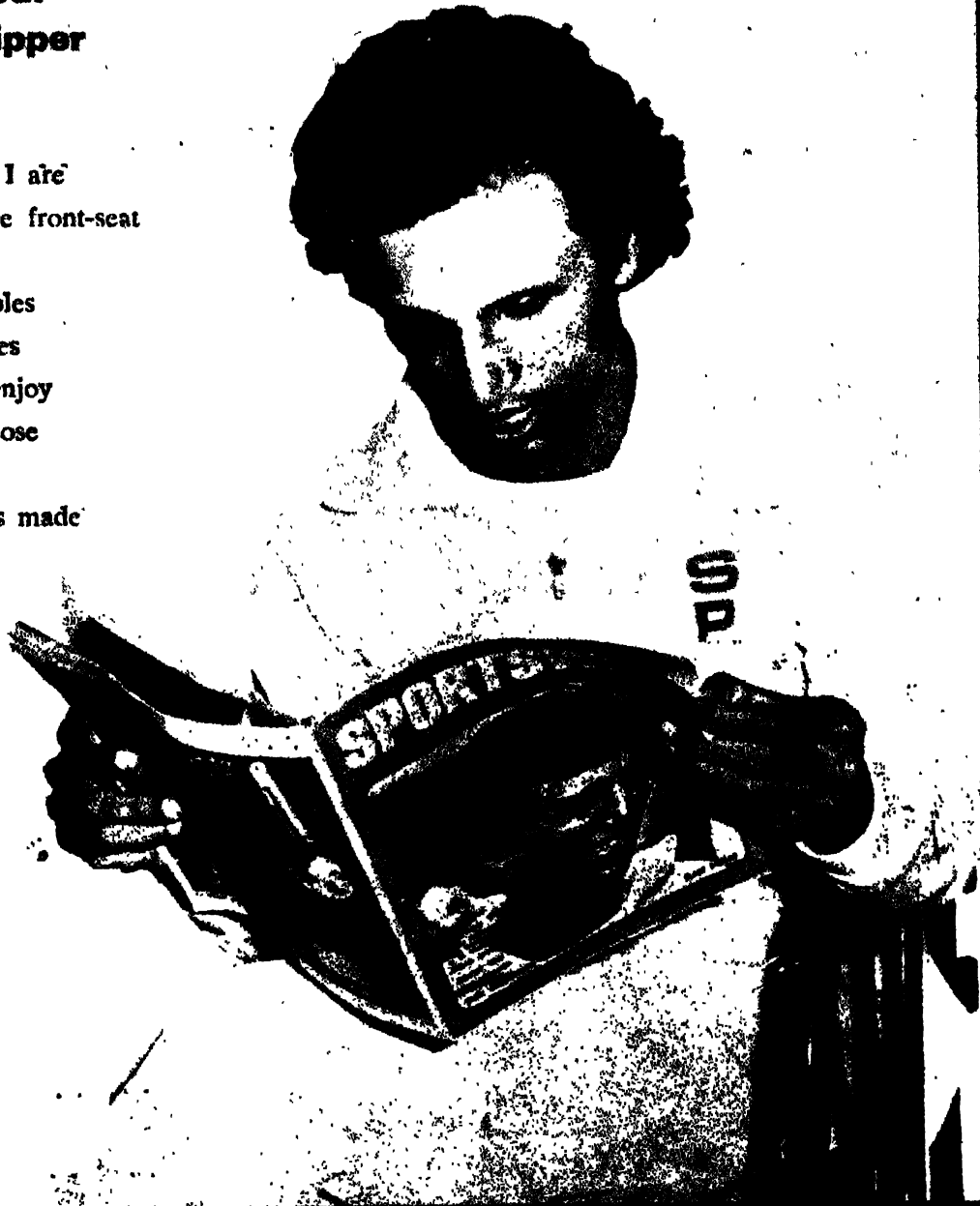
How they were out—at a glance

PAKISTAN (1st innings)		
Majid Khan b Kapil Dev	0	— (28 min 17 balls) Faded in come in line with seaming, which came in sharply from outside off stump
Mudassar Nazar c Chavri b Kapil	18	— (80 min 48 balls, 1 four) Edged catch to leg slip in playing back to outwinger on middle and leg stumps on back foot
Zahoor Abbas b Kapil	3	— (35 min 19 balls) Missed line of outwinger on off stump while playing half back
Javed Miandad b Chavri	34	— (115 min 64 balls, 3 fours) Trapped leg before in playing back to straight delivery on middle stump
Wasim Raja b Kapil	67	— (251 min 144 balls, 16 fours) Missed line of delivery on left-handers off stump which cut back as batsman shuffled across
Aziz Iqbal c Vengsarkar b Chavri	64	— (130 min 122 balls, 6 fours) Edged catch to third slip off outer edge in trying to tap down angling delivery outside off stump
Imran Khan b Binny	30	— (78 min 51 balls, 1 six, 4 fours) Missed line while trying to off-drive off front foot, delivery which came into batsman from off stump. Reared on back foot
Wasim Akram b Kapil	0	— (87 min 19 balls, 1 four) Missed line of delivery which deviated from middle to off stump. Played tentatively
Abdul Qadir b Binny	0	— (34 min 28 balls, 1 four) Late in coming down to off cutter on middle stump
Iqbal Qasim run out	2	— (19 min 13 balls) Pushed Kapil to mid wicket when Yasir failed and returned ball to wicketkeeper. Sikander Bakht darted down wicket. Kirmani threw ball to Kapil who broke wicket
SA order Bakht not out	1	— (10 min 7 balls)
EXTRAS	6	— (LB-2 NB-4)
TOTAL	273	— (481 min 915 overs)
FALL OF WICKETS 1-3 (Majid Mudassar 3) 2-36 (Mudassar Nazar 14) 4-90 (Miandad Wasim Raja 95) 5-224 (Wasim Raja Imran 6) 7-230 (Wasim Raja Imran 19) 8-270 (Qadir Imran 30) 9-271 (Imran Qasim 1)		
BOWLING Kapil Dev 23 5-8 58-5 Chavri 21 4 56-2 Binny 10-0-28-2 Doshi 17-1-51 0 Yasir 20-2 68-0		
INDIA (1st innings)		
S Gavaskar c Bari b Bakht	31	— (86 min 51 balls, 5 fours) I edged catch at wicket in playing forward to run delivery on off stump. Timed his catch to first slip position
C Chavri c Bari b Bakht	11	— (57 min 39 balls) Hung out but tentatively to straight ball outside
D Vengsarkar c Miandad b Bakht	1	— (80 min 15 balls) Edged catch to left of fourth slip in trying to drive straight ball on off stump
G Viswanath run out	4	— (15 min 6 balls, 1 four) Natman Gavaskar (threw hat return catch to bowler. Ball deflected on to stumps as it was closer out of crease)
Y Sharma not out	25	— (16 min 84 balls, 7 fours)
R Binny b Bakht	1	— (20 min 11 balls) Played over off cutter which kept low
S Kirmani b Bakht	5	— (8 min 16 balls) Lunged forward. Played inside straight to off stump
Kapil Dev b Bakht	15	— (25 min 20 balls, 1 six, 1 four) Went for big hit. Missed straight ball on middle stump which cut back
A Chavri b Bakht	0	— (2 min 1 ball) Missed line of delivery on off stump. Out first ball
S Yadav c Qadir b Bakht	1	— (12 min 8 balls) Tried to fend away. Missing delivery on leg stump. Caught at short struts leg
D Doshi c Miandad b Aziz	10	— (85 min 25 balls, 1 four) Steered straight delivery on off stump to third slip
EXTRAS	16	— (B-2, LB-5 NB 9)
TOTAL	120	— (283 min 423 overs)
FALL OF WICKETS 1-19 (Chavri Gavaskar 7) 2-35 (Vengsarkar Gavaskar 19) 3-46 (Viswanath Gavaskar 25) 4-58 (Gavaskar Yashpal 3) 5-56 (Binny Yashpal 3) 6-70 (Kirmani Yashpal 5) 7-87 (Kapil Yashpal 6) 8-87 (Chavri Yashpal 6) 9-94 (Yadav Yashpal 19)		
BOWLING Imran Khan 1 1 11 c Sikander Bakht 21-3-89-8 Aziz Iqbal 6 2-1-3-1 Majid Khan 1-0-12-0 Iqbal Qasim 1-0-1-0		
PAKISTAN (2nd innings)		
M Khan c Kirmani b Kapil	40	— (108 min 74 balls, 6 fours) Chased away quizzical delivery, nicked outside off stump. Edged leg catch
M Nazar c Kirmani b Kapil	12	— (54 min 30 balls, 1 four) Ticked outwinger on off stump into wicketkeeper's gloves
Z Abbas c Kirmani b Binny	40	— (150 min 84 balls, 6 fours) Batted catch in trying to flick straight delivery on leg stump off his toes
J Miandad run out	0	— (3 min 2 balls) Dashed down the wicket after driving Binny to mid off. Gavaskar threw in ball to wicketkeeper before batsman could regain crease
W Raja c Kapil b Doshi	61	— (211 min 120 balls, 6 fours) Lofted ball on middle and leg stumps to deep mid on
A Iqbal c Kirmani b Kapil	38	— (93 min 58 balls, 5 fours) Ticked outwinger on off stump when trying to drive off front foot
I Khan c Chavri b Doshi	2	— (17 min 12 balls) Pushed delivery outside leg as he hit but straight into hands of deep wicket keeper
W Bari b Chavri	5	— (87 min 40 balls) Missed line of outwinger on off stump middle stump which came in sharply
A Qadir c Vengsarkar b Kapil	11	— (16 min 22 balls) Edged difficult catch low in left third stump while playing forward to outwinger on off stump
I Qasim not out	5	— (5 min 10 balls) Beaten by pace of straight delivery on middle stump
S Bakht b Kapil Dev	0	— (5 min 10 balls)
EXTRAS	12	— (B-6 LB-4 NB-2)
TOTAL	242	— (400 min 805 overs)
FALL OF WICKETS 1-30 (Mudassar Majid 23) 2-68 (Majid Zahoor 11) 3-86 (Miandad Zahoor 1) 4-113 (Zahoor Wasim Raja 36) 5-201 (Wasim Raja 7-210, B-230) 6-238		
BOWLING Kapil Dev 22 5-6 6-4 Chavri 17-4 50-1 Binny 17-3-26-2 Doshi 19 0-31-3 Yasir 8-0-21-0		
INDIA (2nd innings)		
S Gavaskar c Bari b Bakht	21	— (46 min 20 balls, 2 fours) Hung hat out to deliver outside off stump
C Chavri b Bakht	40	— (160 min 123 balls, 5 fours) Beaten by off-cutter which kept very low
D Vengsarkar not out	146	— (227 min 170 balls, 1 six, 11 fours)
G Viswanath b Qasim	34	— (114 min 86 balls, 4 fours) Missed line of delivery pitched on middle stump and took off stump
Y Sharma c Bakht b Bakht	60	— (194 min 135 balls, 8 fours) Uppishly drove off-cutter on middle and off stump. Caught at second attempt
Kapil Dev b Mudassar Nazar	31	— (27 min 25 balls, 3 fours) Out in forcing the pace. Missed the line of straight delivery on middle stump
R Binny c Qadir b Aziz	10	— (25 min 24 balls) Caught at long on in attempting big hit
S Kirmani not out	11	— (19 min 20 balls)
EXTRAS	21	— (B-2 LB-5 NB-1)
TOTAL	364	— (573 min 121 overs)
FALL OF WICKETS 1-37 2-92 3-154 (Viswanath Vengsarkar 47) 4-276 (Yashpal Vengsarkar 108) 5-308 (Kapil Vengsarkar 111) 6-341 (Binny Vengsarkar 130)		
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Wasim Bari is bowled by Chavri for 5 in the second innings, having missed the line of an inswinger



The Pakistan first innings comes to an end as Kapil Dev knocks off the bails to run out Iqbal Qasim for 2. Kapil himself was the bowler



Yashpal Sharma looks down at Iaved Aliandad who failed to hold him off the bowling of skipper Asif Iqbal



A sequence of Sikander Bakht's bowling action as the batsman sees it



Javed Miandad (on the ground) is run out for 0 in Pakistan's second innings having dashed down the wicket after driving Binny, only to have Gavaskar throw in to Kirmani before he regained his crease.



Dilip Doshi sweeps in style during his last wicket stand with Yashpal Sharma in India's second innings.

When Mankad, Gupte excelled

As he skipped the few yards to the crease and bowled unplayable deliveries Lala Amarnath seemed a young man with a freshness of purpose and not a 42-year-old veteran.

The fact that he was made to eat the humble pie when Pakistan beat India by an innings in the second Test of the 1952-53 series at Lucknow obviously had given a jolt to the Indian captain and transformed him when he led India into the field for the third Test at Bombay.

At the end of a brilliant opening spell Amarnath's figures were 12 4 6 19-4. Vinoo Mankad struck further blows with his guileful left-arm spinners and Pakistan were dismissed for just 166 runs. Only Waqar Hasan of the Pakistan batsmen played competently, though he was missed a couple of times, to

score 81 stylish runs. Amarnath ended with four for 40. Mankad took three for 52 and Subash Gupte two for 42.

India lost three batsmen for 122 runs but a big partnership of 153 runs between Vinay Hazare and Polly Umrigar enabled Amarnath to declare the innings at 387 for four wickets.

Hazare played like a batsman in great form to score an unbeaten 116. Still, Umrigar overshadowed him with his aggression. He hit the ball with beautiful timing and took the distinction of scoring the first century against Pakistan. He batted for 165 minutes and hit fifteen 4s.

Mankad and Gupte then put India on the road to victory dismissing Pakistan for 242 runs in the second innings. They took five for 72 and

three for 77 respectively. Yet Pakistan were 166 for two thanks to a 165-run stand for the second wicket between Hanif Mohammad and Waqar Hasan.

They scored 96 and 65 respectively. India lost no wicket while hitting 45 runs for a win. The victory was sweet revenge for the defeat at Lucknow and put India 2-1 ahead in the series.

"Hanif was the great master. He played shots to all parts of the ground with the touch of the true artist. Only because Hanif was at the other end did Saeed's batting seem overshadowed. But now and then as Saeed danced down the wicket or moved deftly back and sent the ball rattling between point and straight field we saw how gifted he was and how enjoyable his batting."

This was an eye-witness's appreciation of the great 246-run second wicket partnership between Hanif Mohammad and Saeed Ahmed when Pakistan opened their 1960-61 series against India at Bombay.

Only a run out after a superb bit of fielding by Manjrekar ended Hanif's tenure at the wicket on the second morning for 160 runs. On run later Saeed Ahmed followed him after scoring 120 runs. Following their exit the Pakistan innings disintegrated and the next seven batsmen could add only 48 runs against Desai, Nadkarni and Subash Gupte. They got two, two and four wickets, respectively.

There were no centuries in the Indian innings yet India overhauled the Pakistan total and Nari Contractor could declare at 449 for nine wickets. Contractor (62) and Vinay Manjrekar (73) were prominent among the early scorers while Ranjant Desai, who "knocked the stuff out of Pakistan's bowlers" and P. C. Joshi (52 not out) added 149 runs for the ninth wicket.

Desai was out for 85 runs. Mahmood Hussain, who opened the Pakistan attack bowled with great heart to claim five for 129 runs. Mohammed Farooq got four for 139. The match was then destined for a draw and Pakistan made 166 for four wickets in the second innings when stumps were drawn finally.

Asif Iqbal's Pakistan team play on a new ground at the Wankhede Stadium—the two previous Tests were at the Brabourne Stadium—and if the pitch responds to the bowlers as it did during the final Test against Australia in late October a lively encounter can be anticipated.

A gentleman's game

Hindi cinema's veteran actor Pran has decided to award gold medals to the following Indian and Pakistani cricketers for outstanding performances in the Delhi Test. In giving the awards, Pran has mentioned that cricket is a gentleman's game and "outstanding performances should be recognised". Pran said the awards were made in consultation with K. K. Mehra, vice-president of the Cricket Board and Khalid Ansari. Pran has also agreed to contribute Rs. 5,000 to the Cricketers Benevolent Fund.

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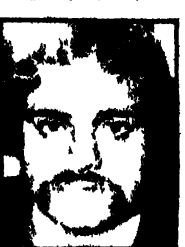
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He boldly faced the challenge and from the word go, was responsible for setting a fast scoring rate with a precious knock of 60 which made this Test the most thrilling and memorable one ever played in India.

Tributes to Dhyan Chand

MEMBERS of the two cricket teams paid tributes to hockey wizard Dhyan Chand who passed away last week by observing two minutes' silence at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground before commencement of the Test.

Cricket Board president M Chinnaswamy and secretary Ghulam Ahmed as also Pakistan Board president Lt-Gen Azhar and secretary Col Rafi Nasim joined in the tributes.

Younis complains

THIRTY TWO YEAR-OLD Pakistan opening batsman Younis Ahmed was in Delhi to witness the second Test.

The left-handed batsman, who had a good season for Worcestershire in last season's English county championships and who was banned by his Board for participating in a match in South Africa some three years ago, is bitter at having being left out from the Pakistan party which is currently touring India.

Younis met his Board president during the lunch break on the first day and is reported to have complained that he had not been invited to participate in the invitation tournament in his country prior to the tour which formed the basis for selection for this tour even though the ban had been lifted.

Younis, who is the younger brother of former Pakistan captain Saeed Ahmed who toured India in 1961 is reported to have offered his services even during the current tour if required. He claimed he was fit but later confessed he was not hopeful he would be considered for selection at this stage.

Younis arrived from England and is proceeding to Bangkok, Thailand, on business. He will return home to Karachi around the middle of the month.

Parting shot

IT is learnt from reliable sources that Sarfraz Nawaz who has been left out of the touring Pakistan party has stirred up quite a hornet's nest in Pakistan.

He has reportedly sent a communication to his Board complaining about his exclusion from the Pakistan side. He has pointed out from England where he is currently a resident that he does not have a regular job, either in England or in Pakistan as is the case with most of the other Pakistan cricketers.

Sarfraz, who was invited by his

Board to participate in the invitation tournament which constituted a virtual selection trial for the tour has enquired of the Pakistan Board whether it is true that it (the Board) finds employment for its cricketers with commercial houses in Pakistan.

And as a parting shot, Nawaz has offered his own services to the Board should it not succeed in finding him employment with any of the commercial houses or PIA which field teams in the Pakistan national tournament.

The communication has sparked off a furore in Pakistan with Board officials justifying Sarfraz's exclusion from the team on grounds of indiscipline and the prestigious Pakistan Times' even writing an editorial on the subject.



A FAMILIAR chant assaulted Prime Minister Charan Singh's ears when he entered the Ferozeshah Kotla ground on the second morning of the second Test.

Chaudhri Sahel beat a hasty retreat barely five minutes after arrival. The continuous intonation of 'Charan Singh hai hai', an echo from the last Test played at this ground against the Australians was more than the sensitive Prime Minister could stomach.



THE raucous elements in the east stand adjacent to the pavilion heaped ridicule on one of the radio commentators when a flock of eagles circled over the stadium before lunch.

on the second day. It appears the commentator had called the eagles "crows" in Hindi. Perilous indeed is the lot of radio commentators these days what with spectators serving as watchdogs with pocket transistors glued to their ears.

Batsmen daunted

A GIANT portrait of a "world famous sex specialist" promising the panacea of "health, vigour, vitality" looked down on the ground from next to the main score board.

A joke doing the rounds of the press box was that the magnetic eyes and forbidding visage of the sexologist Hakim Sahel must have daunted the batsmen resulting in the falling of no less than 13 wickets at the opposite (pavilion) end on the second day as against only two which fell at the other (Delhi Gate) end.



SYED MUJTABA Husain Kirmann achieved the distinction of bagging the highest number of victims for any Indian wicket-keeper when he gleefully held the catch offered by Mudassar Nazar off the bowling of Kapil Dev in the second innings.

Kirmann bettered Farokh (of Poonchik) Engineer's record of 92 Test dismissals (56 Kirmann's 43 victims, 60 were out caught and 23 stumped). Engineer on the other hand had 66 batsmen caught and 16 stumped. Engineer's record was set in 48 Tests, Kirmann's in 37.



Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar being introduced to President Sanjiva Reddy by manager Thimappaiah, with DDCA president R. P. Mehra looking on.



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Majid's gesture

PAKISTAN vice-captain Majid Khan earned kudos and approbation all around when he sportingly withdrew the appeal for run out against tail-ender Dilip Doshi towards the close of the second day when the batsman walked down the wicket to tap the wicket at the non-striker's end.

The consensus of opinion among the right-thinking elements at the ground was that Majid's gesture, reminiscent of Asif Iqbal's action in a similar situation in Pakistan's Test against Australia in Perth earlier this year, is symbolic of the good relations between the two sides and the spirit in which this series is being played.



PUCKISH javed Miandad had himself to blame for his runout in the second innings before he had opened his account. The cheeky and catch-as-catch-can manner in which Miandad darted down the wicket after driving Roger Binny to Gavaskar at mid-off deprived him — by 28 — of the distinction of completing 2000 runs in his 23rd Test and 39th Test innings.

Old problem

ANOTHER player who missed a distinction was teenybopper Imran Khan who disconsolately left the field with a sprained back after bowling 7.3 overs in the first innings with just 3 wickets to go for his 100 Test wickets.

This was a recurrence of an old problem for the 27-year-old pace bowler, who is playing his 24th Test and who could play in only 22 county games in the last English county season (each side plays 36 matches) in which he captured 49 wickets. A speed test conducted in Australia two seasons ago confirmed Imran as the third fastest bowler in the world after Jeff Thomson and Michael Holding.



THE wave of the bat by Zaheer Abbas on completing his fifty was especially for his family, which arrived from Lahore the previous day. Zaheer's parents, wife Najma and 7-year-old daughter Mushtaha were watching the proceedings from the Board President's box. Also present in the box for the first time in the match was former India skipper Bishan ("paaji") Bedi, who is reported to be in hot water — once again — with the Cric-control Board for

allegedly "interfering with the selection process" in the tourists' previous match against the North Zone at Amritsar.



THE cause — once again of much annoyance and chagrin for players, spectators and umpires alike — all the "super de luxe samrat" balls which are being used in this series.

The frequent stoppages because of the balls going out of shape are getting to be a nuisance even for the most patient of spectators who sit through five days of a Test. It is learnt that the Pakistanis are dissatisfied with the quality of the high-priced "super quality" balls manufactured in Jullundur and have asked for imported balls which are used in Test matches in Pakistan. But the Board of Control for Cricket in India which is the final authority in all such matters during a home series, insists that the quality of the

balls which have been known to go out of shape within the first hour after use is satisfactory.

Complaint

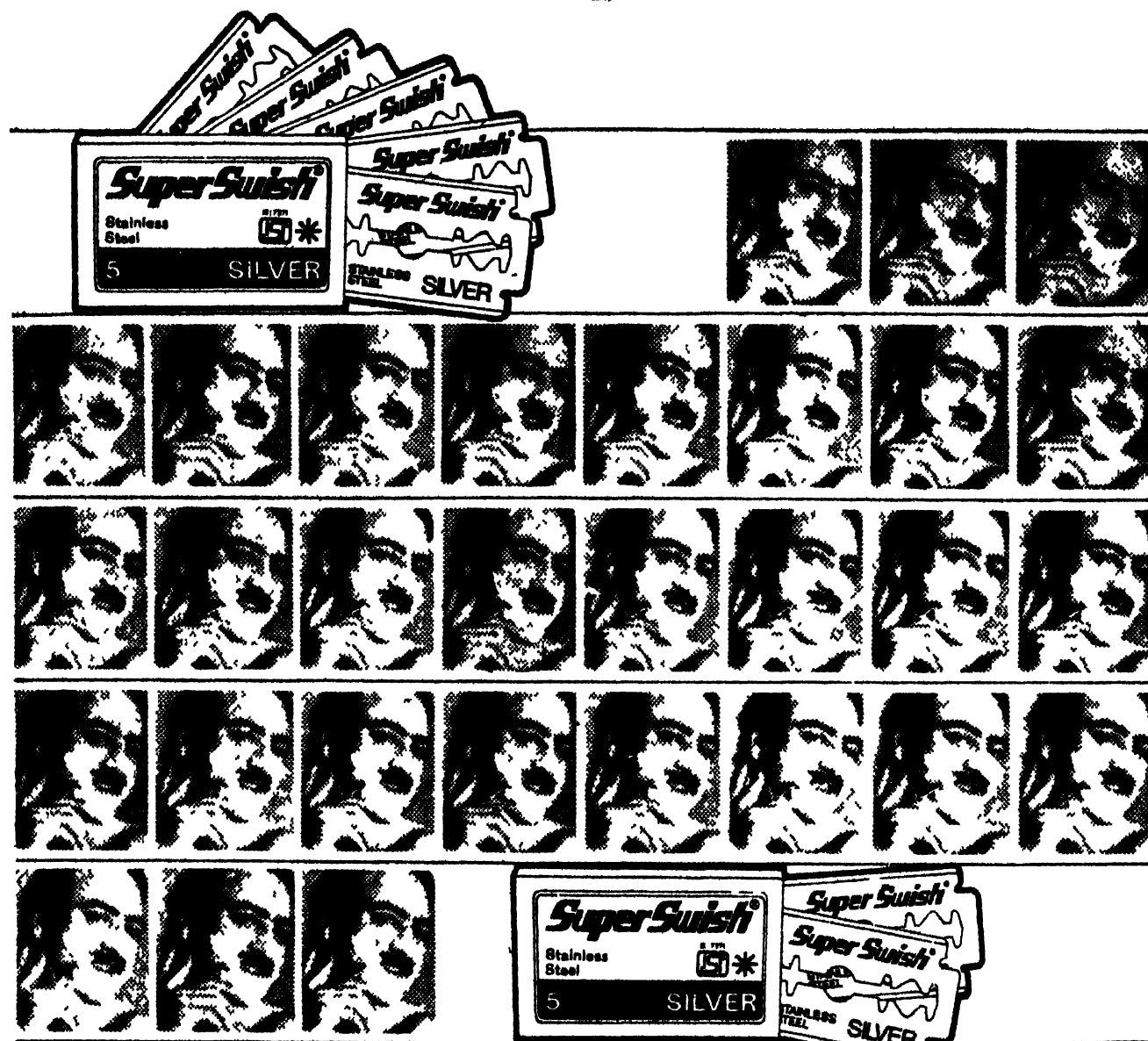
IT is learnt that a written complaint has been made to the Board by national selector Vijay Mehra, of the North Zone, who reportedly opposed Bedi's decision to include Madan Lal and Surinder Amarnath in the side even though they were not in the team originally chosen by the zonal selectors.

Another first time visitor at the Test on the third day was national selector Kishen Rungta of the Central Zone who seems to be making it a habit of reporting late at Test matches because of "business commitments". A growing body of opinion among the press corps is that "busy" people should leave the stage for others who have the time for the game.



Javed Miandad embraces Sikander Bakht after the latter had secured Vengsarkar's wicket in India's first innings. Looking on is Wasim Raja

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Fantastic Richards

by Tony Cozier

AUSTRALIAN cricket followers have been singularly fortunate these past 10 days. In that time, on the grounds of Melbourne and Brisbane and through their television screens, they have been treated to a succession of unforgettable innings from the game's two most majestic and commanding batsmen, Greg Chappell and Vivian Richards.

It has been almost as if they were involved in an unofficial contest for the title of world's batting championship. Perhaps, even if subconsciously, they have.

It started in the first Test at Brisbane. Chappell tall, slim and bearded, carried the responsibility of Australia's batting on his shoulders so capably that he scored 74 and 124 and salvaged an honourable draw for his team out of a difficult situation. Richards, muscularly broad shouldered with the forearms of a heavyweight boxer, responded with an emphatic 140 for the West Indies.

Advantage

If that was round one, it was shared with points even — even though Richards was voted "man of the match" by a panel of broadcaster and journalists.

Round two shifted to Melbourne's huge stadium, site of the 1956 Olympic Games, and countless Test matches. The rules were now altered to those of one-day cricket and Chappell established an early advantage with a classical 92 against England in Saturday's world series cup match against England.

It was not enough to save Australia from a humbling three wickets defeat against England in the first match of any kind between the two teams since the signing of cricket's peace treaty.

Yet, it was enough to confirm the correct and upright Australian, with his ability to score in every direction and his selection of the correct ball to hit, as among the truly great players.

Richards' turn to answer came the next day. He entered the first Test with torn muscles high in the right thigh which often reduced him to a pronounced hobble while running

and prevented him fielding at all in Australia's second innings. Doctors in Sydney recommended to the West Indies team management that he rest entirely for two weeks to undergo intensive treatment so that he would be ready in time for the second Test starting December 29.

However, the West Indies were faced with a crisis. They had lost their first two World Series Cup

matches in the three-way tournament to Australia and England and could not afford to lose three in a row. Their captain Clive Lloyd, recovering from a minor operation on his right knee, was sidelined and their other major attacking batsman, Gordon Greenidge, was short of form.

Confronted by such a dilemma, the team selection panel opted for



Vivian Richards slams this one from Lillee to the leg



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a calculated risk. They rang Richards in Sydney and asked him to play. It would, according to doctors, not make the injury any worse but it would certainly not speed its recovery either. So they pumped two Cortizone injections into the offending muscles and Richards flew off to Melbourne to play an innings which will be talked about as long as the game of cricket exists.

He came to the cricket in the ninth over of the match after Dennis Lillee, roared on by a volatile crowd of almost 40,000 had removed Creenidge.

There was no noticeable limp, as there had been at Brisbane, but then again he had done no strenuous exercise in almost a week and the wonders of modern science had had their effect.

The first of the 131 deliveries the unfortunate Australian bowlers sent down to him brought one of the only two false shots in his 174 minutes of devastation. It was a bouncer down the legside which he wafted at and topped, first bounce, to long leg. There was an air of disinterest in the stroke which suggested that Richards was not all that keen to play.

Revealing

We should have known better. There is nothing the 27-year-old Antiguan enjoys doing more, injured or not, and soon he was revealing strokes of extraordinary power and unbelievable improvisation. No bowler escaped — and Chappell tried eight to curb him. It was soon apparent that nothing would and Chappell's choice of who should bowl became immaterial.

Thomson, Lillee and Hogg, three bowlers who have become legends in their time, were hit to all parts of the ground with a 180-degree swing of the bat which despatched them back over their heads, through the covers, to the point boundary. Several times, Richards played his shots off supposedly the fastest bowlers known after advancing two paces down the wicket.

Chappell's medium pace and the spin of Bright and Border, left-arm, and Weiner, right-arm off-breaks, were equally savaged. Everyone of his 16 fours went exactly where he had planned them to go — as did his only six which landed six rows into the southern stand crowd, 120 metres away from its launch.

One particular shot demonstrated the lightning reflexes and amazing



Derek Randall runs out Lawrence Rowe during England's one-day night cricket match at Sydney. West Indies won the match by 2 runs — Keystone Radio photo

eyesight. Moving outside the leg stump to give himself for an off-side shot, Richards was foxed by Hogg, who pitched the ball in at his toes. Richards, committed to an off-side stroke, suddenly changed as he saw the ball's line and swung his bat perfectly through to lift the ball to the mid-wicket boundary, from where it rebounded fully 20 metres into the field. The television slow motion replay accentuated its wonder.

Throughout Richards' fitness was taxed by his own exertions and excessively long boundary on one side of the ground, by which his admirable young partner, Haynes, urged him on into running four on two occasion.

For the final hour or so, as the effect of the injections wore off, his limp returned and he would often grimace with pain. Once into his stance, however, his concentration was only on one object, the ball which he was pummeling so unmercifully.

When 151, Chappell dropped him badly at long on, off a lofted drive

from Hogg. It was the only chance — and the only semblance of one.

His second-wicket partnership with Haynes was worth 205 when Haynes finally touched a catch to Marsh, off Thomson. In itself, Haynes' 90 was an accomplished and most attractive innings yet it was hardly noticed against Richards.

As he walked off the field to a standing ovation from a crowd which knew it had witnessed a once-in-a-life time sporting feat, Richards had 153 against his name and, as a contest, the match was over. That, however, was of no consequence. It is Richards batting that will be remembered forever: The result will be quickly forgotten.

THE wicket-keeper had a high opinion of himself and was very free with his advice to the captain.

'You know,' he said, 'You've picked two men who should never be in the side.'

'Oh really,' said the captain leily, 'and who's the other one?'



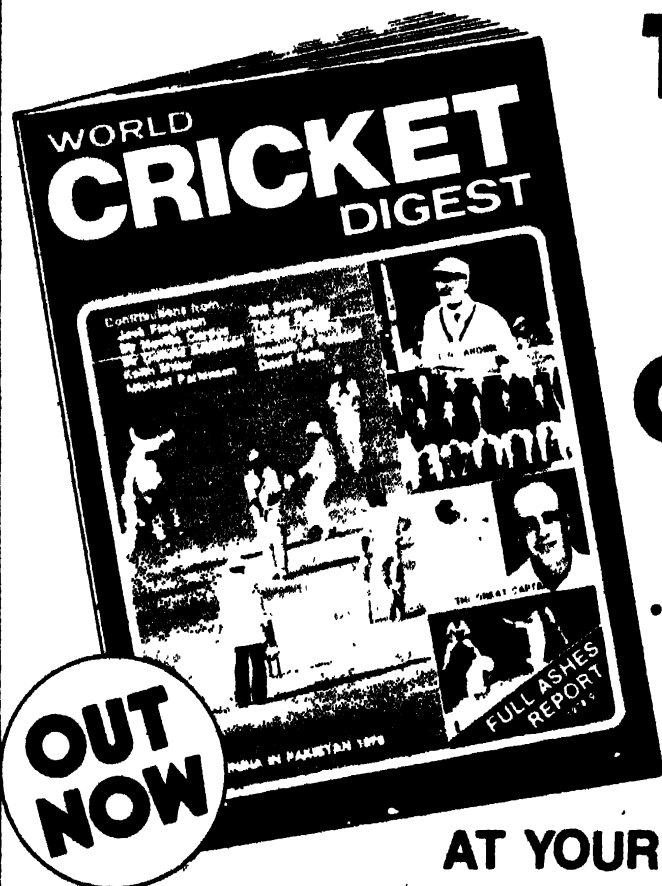
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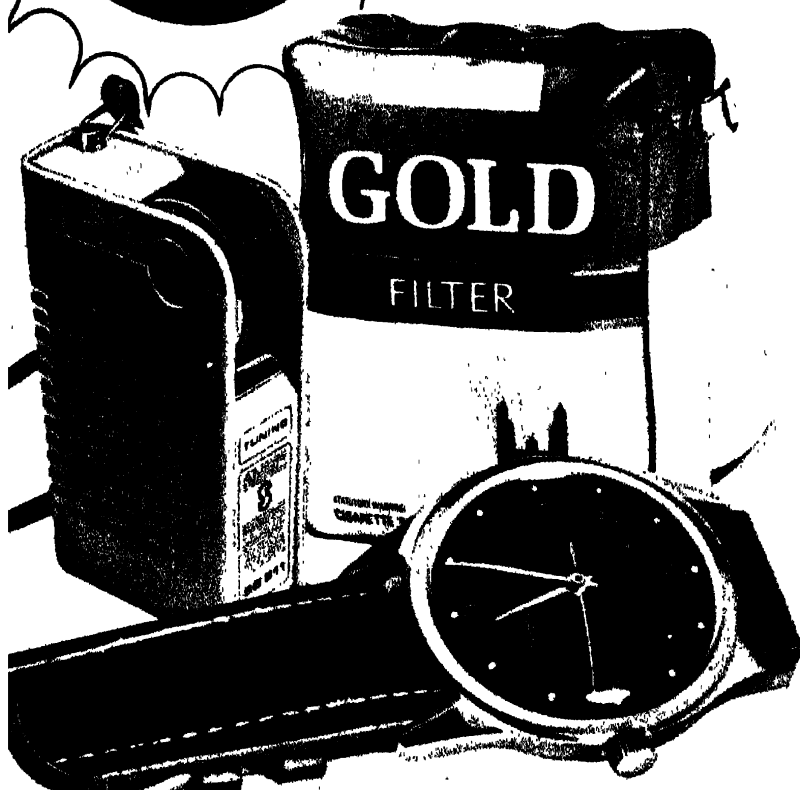




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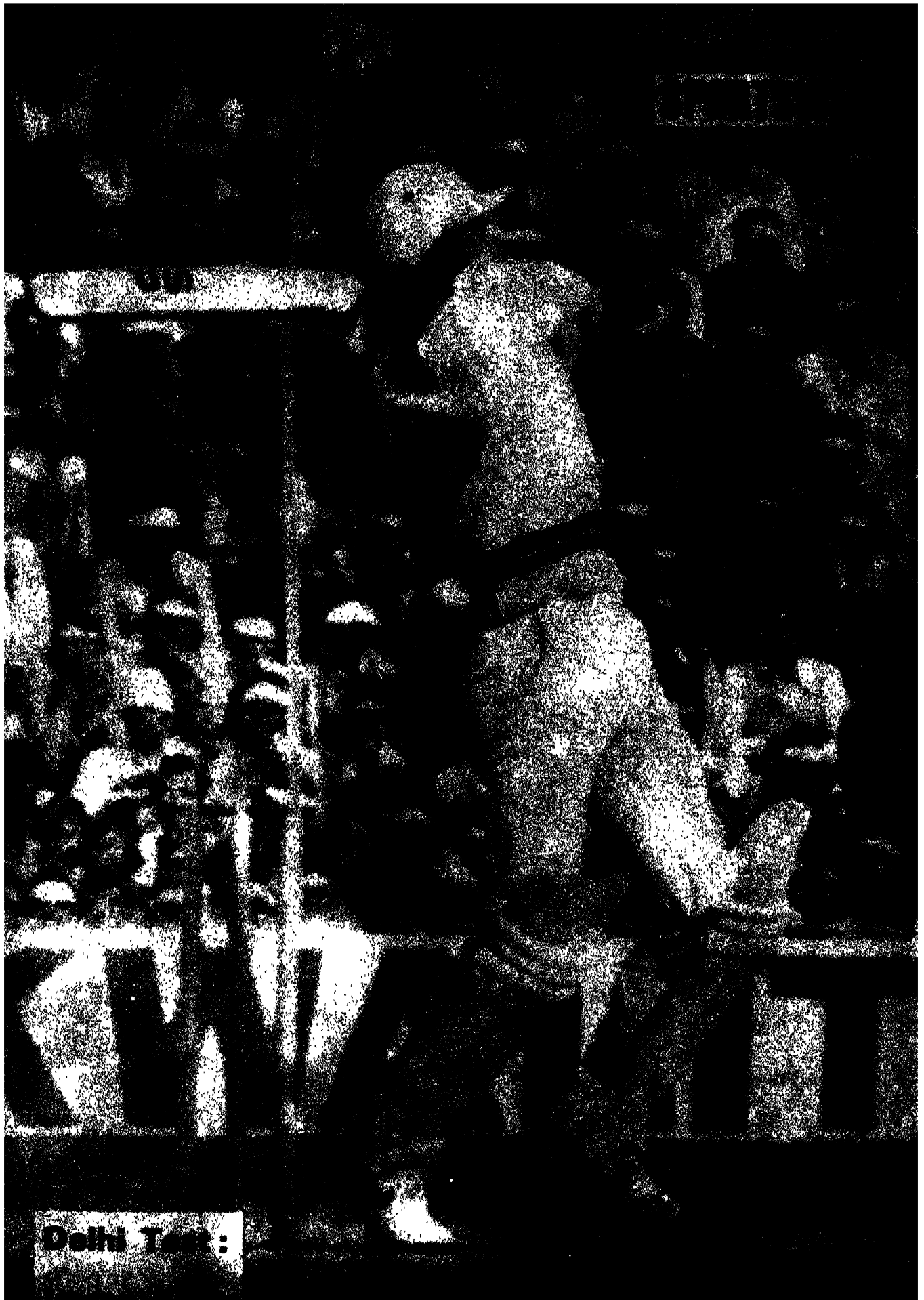
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Delhi Test:

by PAT GIBSON

IAN CHAPPELL chucks his bat to the ground in anger on the second day of England's match against South Australia at Adelaide last week.

It was another major incident involving the former Australian skipper that looks like ending his Test career.

The bat-chucking episode followed a disagreement with rookie umpire Graham McLeod over whether a leg-bye should be allowed.

Later, when fielding, he threw a sweater to McLeod from several yards away and ignored the umpire's order to "come here."

Chappell said afterwards: "He chased me down the wicket and told me: 'This game won't start until you come here.'"

"I wasn't interested in seeing him, and eventually the other umpire, Max O'Connell, told him to get on with the game."

Chappell's action in his first match since ending a three-week suspension for swearing at an umpire, stunned the small crowd of about 500.

He seems certain to be reported for this new display of temper that began 45 minutes before lunch when Chappell came in at the fall of the first wicket.

He sedately played the first delivery from England's paceman Ian Botham.

The next ball was a bumper and hit Chappell on the body.

Chappell and opener Rick Darling ran through for a leg bye, but the umpire ruled that because Chappell neither played a shot nor took evasive action, the run was invalid.

Chappell argued heatedly with McLeod — making his debut as a



Ian Chappell throws his bat after arguing with umpire Graham McLeod

first-class umpire — for more than a minute while the England fieldsmen looked on in surprise.

Finally Chappell ended the argument by hurling his bat on the ground several yards away and walking away from umpire McLeod.

When he resumed, he was out next ball for a duck — caught behind.

Before the England match, Chappell had said the game would probably decide if he still had the right attitude to continue in international cricket.

Now the same question is likely to be asked by the Australian selectors, and even his own State side South Australia are having doubts about his future.

Sack me, says Chappell

IAN CHAPPELL the bad old boy of Australian cricket, invited the authorities to sack him recently.

The former Aussie skipper turned up at a disciplinary hearing carrying a pint of beer and smoking a cigar.

And he declared: "I couldn't care less if I don't play cricket again."

Big brother Chappell — his younger brother Greg took over the Australian captaincy from him — just can't seem to keep out of trouble.

In his first match back since being banned for three weeks for swear-

ing at an umpire, he was on the carpet again for battling with an umpire in South Australia's match against England in Adelaide.

And before sauntering in for his one-man trial before Sir Don Bradman, Chappell said:

"If people make it hard enough for me, I might consider quitting. And there are an awful lot of people making it hard right now.

"I've had a gutful I just feel like jumping in my car and driving away from it all. But the way I'm going I

think I'd get picked up for speeding".

No decision was announced after the 45-minute hearing. Sir Don will make his report to the South Australia association and their deliberations will take another four days.

Chappell said he was sorry he had changed his mind this year about retiring from international cricket.

"I've got my problems and so many people are putting hurdles in the way and making it hard, that as far as I'm concerned I can't be bothered any longer."

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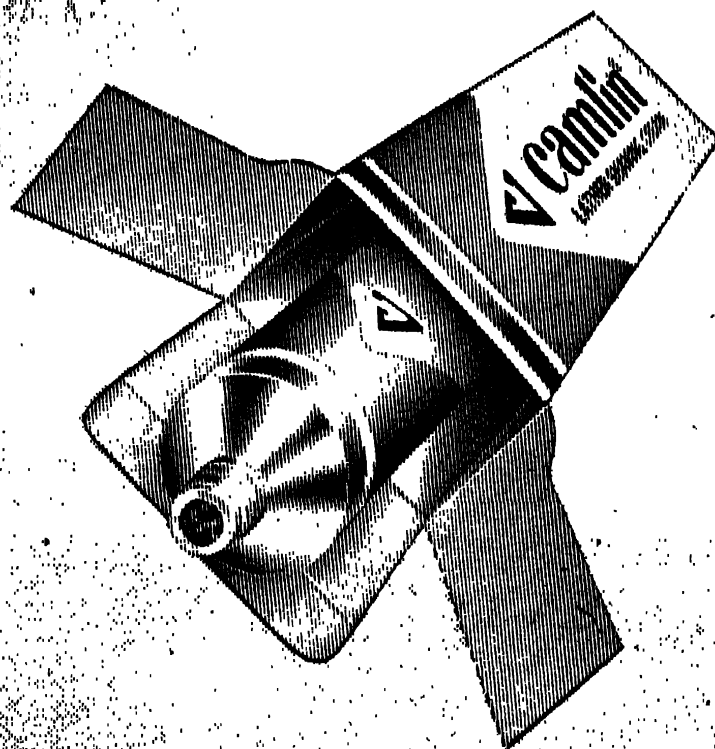
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Ian taunts Brearley

FORMER Australian Test skipper Ian Chappell was the centre of more controversy immediately after his return from a three-week ban.

Chappell placed nine fielders on the leg side in South Australia's three-day game against England in Adelaide in retaliation against Mike Brearley's tactics in the one-day international against the West Indies earlier.

During that match Brearley placed all his fielders on the boundary, including the wicketkeeper.

The protest was made during the second over after lunch when Chappell put himself on to bowl leg-breaks.

He took himself off at the end of the over, which was a maiden.

Later he said: "I did it to remind the England players of what could happen if there were no fielding restrictions on some occasions."

Chappell was suspended three weeks ago for insulting an umpire during a state game.

His action showed the discipline had done nothing to curb his fiery character.

England have opposed a limitation on the number of fielders on the on-side during international matches

Lillee gets ticking - off

AUSTRALIA'S captain Greg Chappell pointedly asked Dennis Lillee what he was supposed to be bowling last week.

Their on-the-field confrontation was a bizarre sideshow as the first Test against the West Indies in Brisbane headed for a draw.

But it did strike a blow for greater discipline in Australian cricket on the day the other Chappell was making surely, his last tasteless gesture against authority.

Greg, far more of a diplomat than his elder brother Ian would not comment on the Lillee incident, apart from saying: "I just wanted to find out what he was bowling, that's all."

Yet his anger was there for all to see, when he marched 50 yards from his position at first slip to deliver a sharp lecture at the end of the fast bowler's run-up.

Lillee seemed happy enough signing autographs down on the boundary when Jeff Thomson and

Rodney Hogg were given the new ball at the start of West Indies' second innings.

But when the West Indies plunged recklessly to 16 for 3, he was called into the attack...and was promptly no-balled three times in a row by umpire Tony Crafter.

Lillee's response was to indicate that he was going to bowl off-spin.

Chappell set the field accordingly — and Lillee delivered a searing bouncer that wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh standing up, took above his head.

While Marsh gaped in astonishment, Lillee turned and hurried back to his long run, pursued by a grim-faced Chappell, who left him in no doubt of what he thought.

Then Lillee was no-balled twice more to make it an 11-ball over.

Dilley's boot problem

THE departing Mike Hendrick did his best to guarantee Graham Dilley would step into his fast bowling boots by leaving him his size 11's, a nice gesture from the saddest Englishman in Australia to probably the happiest, writes John Thicknesse.

But it won't quite work out that way because the young Kent bowler is having trouble with his own boots, which like Hendrick's are too narrow for him, and England's main business on their stopover in Melbourne on the way from Hobart was getting him properly shod by the man who made Harold Larwood's boots — and countless others' since.

This bootmaker extraordinary is 78 and rejoices in the name of Hope Sweeney — he was named after Lord Hopetoun, Governor — General of Victoria in 1901. His last satisfied English customer was Bob Willis 12 months ago, who recommended him to Dilley.

Dilley stamps the ground with his left foot as he delivers and his complaint is a replica of Willis's last year — a "skinned" little toe where it has been rubbing against the jack-knifed neighbour.

It's so sore he yelped even when Hope Sweeney was making a gentle outline of his foot with paper and pencil at Melbourne Airport, prompting Willis to say with kindly scorn: "You've got to get used to pain 'Picca' — you great big Kentish hop."

Australia v W. I. First Test

AUSTRALIA (1st Innings):

B. Laird c Murray b Garner 92, R. McCosker c Kallicharran b Croft 11, A. Border c Murray b Garner 1, G. Chappell c King b Roberts 74, K. Hughes b Croft 3, Hookes c Holding b Croft 43, Marsh c Murray b Garner 3, Bright b Holding 13, Lillee lbw Garner 0, Hogg b Roberts 8, Thomson not out 0, Extras (B 1, LB 4, NB 12) 17, Total 268.

Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-26, 3-150, 4-174, 5-228, 6-242, 7-246, 8-252, 9-268.

Bowling: Roberts 18.1-5-50-2, Holding 16.3-53-1, Croft 25.6-80-3, Garner 22.5-55-4, King 5-1-13-0.

WEST INDIES (1st Innings):

Haynes c Marsh b Thomson 42, G. Greenidge c Marsh b Lillee 34, V. Richards c Marsh b Lillee 140, A. Kallicharran c Marsh b Thomson 38, L. Rowe b Chappell 50, C. King c Marsh b Lillee 0, D. Murray c McCosker b Thomson 21, A. Roberts run out 7, J. Garner lbw b Lillee 90, M. Holding b Bright 11, C. Croft not out 2, Extras (NB 28, B 5, LB 3) 36, Total: 441.

Fall of wickets: 1-68, 2-93, 3-198, 4-317, 5-317, 6-341, 7-343, 8-366, 9-385, 10-441.

Bowling: Lillee 29.1-6-104-4, Hogg 25.6-55-0, Thomson 24-4-90-3, Bright 32.9-97-1, G. Chappell 12-2-25-1, Border 5-1-19-0, Hookes 5-2-15-0.

AUSTRALIA (2nd Innings):

R. McCosker b Holding 33, B. Laird c Marshall (sub) b Garner 75, A. Border c Richards b Garner 7, G. Chappell b Croft 124, K. Hughes not out 130, D. Hookes b Roberts 37, R. Marsh c Kallicharran b King 19, R. Bright not out 2, Extras 21, Total (6 wkts. decl.): 448.

Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-55, 3-179, 4-297, 5-371, 6-442.

Bowling: A. Roberts 27.5-70-1, M. Holding 30-4-94-1, C. Croft 28.3-106-1, J. Garner 41-13-75-2, C. King 22-6-50-1, A. Kallicharran 18-2-32-0.

WEST INDIES (2nd Innings):

G. Greenidge c McCosker b Thomson 0, D. Haynes lbw b Hogg 4, L. Rowe b Hogg 3, A. Kallicharran not out 10, C. King not out 8, Extras 15, Total (for 3 wkts.): 40.

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-15, 3-16.

Bowling: J. Thomson 3-2-3-1, R. Hogg 5-2-11-2, D. Lillee 2-0-3-0, R. Bright 4-3-0-0.

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Yograj corners limelight

STAR-STUDED Mafatlal Sports Club, Bombay distinguished itself by lifting the coveted All India Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Cricket Trophy at Allahabad beating the Light & Co., Sports XI by 42 runs.

The four-day final dished out rich cricket fare and was replete with interesting situations, notwithstanding the fact that the Bombay outfit was mostly in the driver's seat.

In the final match, Mafatlal's handicap in the non-availability of Eknath Solkar and Jayantilal was substantially compensated by the arrival of Brijesh Patel, whose masterly knock of 68 runs was mainly responsible for taking his side's total to 244 runs in the first innings.

Zulfiqar Parkar (44), Yograj (33) and Atul Mehta (26 not out) were the only other batsmen who could, for a while, endure the sustained spell of accurate bowling of Suresh Luthra who stole the first day's honour with a haul of 6 wickets for 76 runs. Left arm spinner, Haseen Ahmad lent him admirable support by completing the mopping-up operations with a bag of 4 for 26.

Keeping in view the strong batting line-up the Light & Co. had mustered, the score of 244 did not appear to be formidable, but in this assessment, perhaps, the bowling potentials of Yograj and Dhiraj Parsana had not been taken into account.

Soon, the Light and Co. batsmen were confronted with a hostile, sizzling pace the like of which had not been seen in Allahabad for a long time. Consequently, despite some determined resistance offered by S. Khanna (24), Rajendra Amar-



Lala Amarnath giving away the Shastri Trophy to Ashok Mankad, captain of Mafatlal Sports Club, Bombay

nath (23), Kirti Azad (27) and Bakesh Shukla (30) the local team could reply with 172 runs only, thus conceding a lead of 72 runs. Yograj's bag of 5 for 50 and Parsana's 3 for 31, was richly deserved.

The grip on the match that the 72-run lead had given to the Bombay team soon proved to be a mirage when Suresh Luthra picked up the threads from where he had left in the first innings. In yet another devastating spell (6 for 49) he made short work of the batting night of Mafatlal and save for a defiant knock of 26 by Zulfiqar Parkar and a scintillating piece of batsmanship by burly Yograj (43 not out), the visitors could not have reached even the meagre 118.

The target of 190 runs for an outright win was far from formidable but then, the bowlers once again

held sway. Dhiraj Parsana (5 for 67) and Yograj (2 for 57) made short work of the Light & Co. to dismiss them for 148 runs and thus grouped home outright victors by 42 runs. Ramnath's admirable knock of 56 not out for the losers only showed that he needed only one more of his like in his team to turn the tables.

Lala Amarnath was the chief guest at the impressive prize distribution function which followed immediately after the final match. Special prizes were awarded to Yograj (all round display), Brijesh Patel (batting) and Suresh Luthra (bowling).

Besides these, encouragement prizes were also awarded to Ujjesh Kumar Singh (batting), Shekhar Anand (all round display) and V. R. Bhatnagar (bowling).

— AGHA RIZVI



Mafatlal's Yograj bowling to Surinder Amarnath of Light & Co., Allahabad, in the final

Dempo unimpressive

DEMPO achieved their first success of the season when they defeated Salgaocar by a solitary goal in the Taca Goa football finals at the Panjim Gymkhana Stadium, recently.

Though Dempo won, it was Salgaocar who played a better game. Salgaocar were outstanding in the midfield with their linkmen Arnold, Valente and Jose enabling their forwards exert relentless pressure on the Dempo defence.

They forced thirteen corners in all, yet went goalless. At times they came close to scoring but the Dempo goalkeeper Eugenio brought off some creditable saves.

Dempo's match winner came from Romeo, the ex-Salgaocar player. The credit for this goal goes in a large measure to Dionisio whose high pass beat the entire Salgaocar defence and landed at unmarked Romeo's feet who pushed it in with custodian Brahmanand watching helplessly.

Dempo have lost much of their glamour in the absence of Francis D'Souza and Joseph Machado. The former used to score consistently for them while the latter used to give them the midfield command. Their coach Bob Bootland has tried stopper Nicholas in the place vacated by Machado but Nicholas has proved a misfit.

Finals

Dempo entered the finals beating Vasco 3-1 on the aggregate in the double leg semi-finals. They got all the three goals in the first leg at Margao, losing the second leg by a goal at Panjim.

In the other semi-finals Sesa went down to Salgaocar in the tie-breaker. The first leg at Margao had ended in a one-all draw while there was no score till full time in the second leg. In the tie-breaker Salgaocar scored four goals while Sesa netted three. Undoubtedly Salgaocar were a better side at Panjim and so deserved a passage into the finals.

The first leg Senior Division league match between the two was abandoned midway through the first half at the Panjim Gymkhana Stadium following the referee's decision to give marching orders to Salgaocar's Jose after he had collided with Sesa's Fadte. The GFA awarded the match to Sesa.

Salgaocar were the only team to beat Dempo in the first leg (2-1).

Sesa lost to Dempo by two goals. Both Dempo and Sesa managed 16 points each from nine matches, Salgaocar 15, and Vasco just 10 from the same number of outings.

— Ajit K. Moya

Hosts Hoechst retain trophy

"HOECHST is doing wonderful work in the field of community service by organising this popular sports event", said Vijay Merchant whilst presiding over the prize distribution of the thirteenth annual inter-pharmaceuticals table tennis tournament organised by Hoechst Pharmaceuticals. The tournament drew nearly 300 entries from 20 companies.

Hosts Hoechst retained the Merwyn Wassoodew memorial table tennis trophy for the second year in succession.

The women's singles was won by Yvette Fernandes of German Remedies. Zerkis Boga of Hoechst claimed the singles, doubles and mixed double events and played a stellar role in helping Hoechst to win the team championship against Sandoz.

Goa cricket looking up

THE affiliation of the Goa Cricket Association to the Cricket Control Board of India is the best thing that has happened to Goan cricket. Goa is now getting the chance to participate in the C. K. Nayudu and the Cooch Behar tournaments. This undoubtedly will help Goa to build up a side for the Ranji Trophy.

The Cricket Control Board of India recently sent its South Zone coach, M. R. Baig for coaching the Goan boys for the selection of the Goa teams for under-22 and under-19 tournaments. Baig coached the boys for the selection of the under-19 team. There was a good response from both the camps.

Goa repeated its last year's success against Andhra Pradesh in the C. K. Nayudu Tournament but fared rather badly against Hyderabad and was beaten once again by them.

When contacted, Baig said, "I am happy that cricket in Goa is beginning to come up due to Goa's affiliation to the Cricket Control Board. The boys are showing a sincere approach towards the game and I am sure they will continue practising even during the off season. The Goa Cricket Association should have its own coaching programme for the youngsters as I feel that coaching should be a continuous process."

— Ajit K. Moya



The Hoechst team in possession of the Merwyn Wassoodew memorial table tennis trophy, pose with the chief guest Vijay Merchant

Punjab, Maharashtra tops

THE Indore Corporation Area Basketball Association conducted the seventh National Mini Basketball Championship recently.

The Basketball Association of India is the only organisation in the country which conducts its junior

Championships separately every year, since 1973.

In the quarter-final of the boys event, Bihar beat Delhi 24-18 but later lost to Karnataka 78-26 in the semi-final. In the other

final, Punjab won against Chandigarh 60-22.

The Punjab players, with their superb physique and height gave no chance to their rivals of Karnataka in the final. They took command of the game from the start and won it at 78-26, with Satpal Singh, 23, being their top scorer.

In the girls section the matches were more eventful. Maharashtra, twice runners up, caused the only major upset in the championship when they put down defending champions Punjab in the semi-final stage. Punjab could not break the zone defence technique adopted by Maharashtra who won 27-20. While, in the other semi-final, Bihar beat Goa 34-14.

In the Maharashtra-Bihar final, Bihar, with a half court zone had a good combination and were leading 15-12 at half time. But in the last phase of the match, the Bihar players lost many opportunities to score and conceded the match to Maharashtra by a narrow margin of 23-24. Radha and Anjali Khanna scored 6 points each for the winners while Prita Varivar of Bihar was the top scorer with 13 points.



Jaysree Kumerjee, minister of social welfare and sports, giving away the trophy to the captain of the Maharashtra girls team

Rain—the spoilsport

TALENTED youngsters in the country — most of whom are knocking at the doors of Ranji trophy cricket — were deprived of exhibiting their full-talent in the inter-zonal C. K. Nayudu (under 22) cricket tourney due to unseasonal rains.

The semi-final rounds were virtually washed-out without a ball being bowled in the West versus East tie and restricting only 20 minutes and 7.1 overs play possible in the North versus South tie. The spin of the coin decided the fate of the matches in which the East Zone lads suffered the most, having to return without playing a single match.

A glaring and noticeable feature was that while plenty of opening batsmen were in evidence, very little sound-middle order batting was on display. This was particularly evident in the rain-ruined finals between West and North Zones, which the former won.

In contrast, the medium pacers had plenty of scope to display their mettle on a responsive wicket while the spinners, except for two — West Zone skipper Ashok Patel and North's Zeeshan Mohammed — did not come up to expectations.

Former Test cricketer Chandu Borde who was present, expressed his opinion that quite a number of talented youngsters need to sharpen

their weak points, in order to make the national grade.

It was an irony that the Bombay selectors were found ignorant of the existing rules for participation in the tournament and as such their skipper Vasudev Tumbhe, Girish Patki and Ghulam Shaikh were found ineligible.

The North Zone also found themselves in a similar predicament when South raised an objection against inclusion of skipper Raju Sethi and Raman Lamba, an opening batsman, who had represented

an Indian junior eleven against the West Indians when they toured India last year, and hence were found ineligible for the final.

The inter zonal being a stepping stone to players into national level cricket, one felt an imperative need for making the tournament into a round robin one to enable players representing all the five zones to display their full talent, and in turn, give the selectors ample opportunity to pick up the best.

— Narayan Thakkar



The West Zone cricket team, winners of the C. K. Nayudu trophy

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Anthony Braganza — RIP

THE lean and lanky figure of Anthony Braganza will no longer be seen ambling into the city's football and hockey grounds. 'Braggy' to his multitude of friends and fans breathed his last in Bombay on December 9.

He played hockey and football with distinction both for Bombay and his employers Tata Sports Club. He excelled in football and donned India's colours in the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki, 1954 Asian Games at Manila, and toured the USSR with an Indian team in 1955.

'Braggy' loved the games so much that even after retirement he was very much involved in moulding the future of young talent. He really gave back to the games much more than what he had received from them.

He was a keen student of the games and his analysis of the matches was sought after by numerous teams. At the time of his death due to a heart stroke he was working as the secretary of the Tata Sports Club in which post he was popular both with officials and the players alike.

'A fairy tale'

SPORTS throws up some spectacular success, stories, but there have been few recently to equal the rise and rise of Terry Griffiths.

Just 12 months ago he was staying in the cheapest doss house he could find and was knocked out of the UK Snooker Championship in the qualifying round.

This time he is staying in a posh hotel, favoured by wealthy football clubs, racehorse owners and expense account executives and earning £1,000 a week.

Terry says that since he became world champion in April, his life has altered beyond all recognition.

"To begin with I have turned myself into a limited company and my wife Annette gave up her job."

"We are moving into a new house with its own snooker room so that I can practise in peace."

"It has all been a fairy tale."

He believes that the snooker boom is only in its infancy. "New halls are springing up everywhere and where not so long ago women and children were a rarity among club audiences of 50 or 60, now they make up about 25 per cent in crowds of up to 1,000."

The moral to young men is plain. Get yourself a cue and go out and mis-spense some of your youth.



Anthony Braganza

Jung best

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Acrovals the acrobats

THIS group of acrobats makes even the finest Olympic gymnasts look like grandmothers.

They're the Acroval. The eldest is 15 and they've just been appearing in London's Old Vic Music Hall.

Over the last six months the girls have been appearing in a variety of shows in red and gold leotards.

removed from the master costumes of their sporting Olympic cousins.

But these acrobats aren't short of gymnastic talent. The youngest, Caroline Courtney, who is only seven, holds the age record on the British Amateur Gymnastic Association grade four event. She passed when he was three.

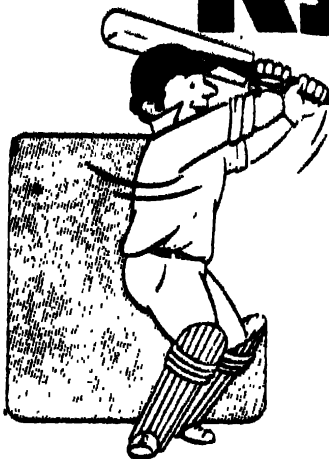


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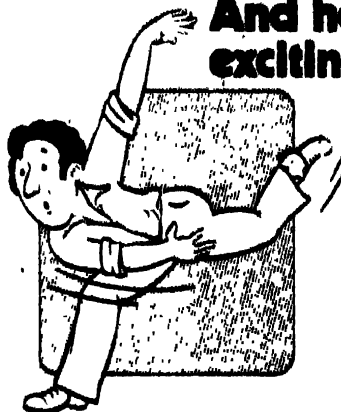
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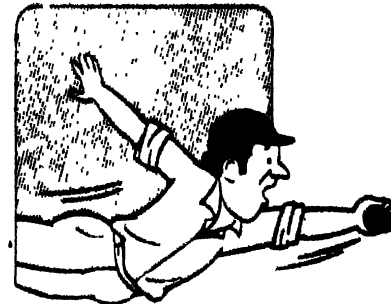
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Rohtas Singh—a swinging success

THE ninth Wills Open Championship 1979 was played over the course of the Bombay Presidency Golf Club recently.

I.T.C. Ltd., the sponsors, contributed a total prize money of Rs. 15,000/- for the professional golfers of handicaps of - 6 and under. Amateurs with handicaps of - 12 and under also competed for the top amateur positions over the four rounds of this Championship.

The last two rounds marked the Western India Championship, the Seniors Championship for gentlemen above the age of 55 and having a handicap of - 15 and under, and the international and the inter-zonal.

The course itself was in sub-par condition due to the rains which lashed Bombay in the days preceding the tournament. The ground was soft, the lies were bad, and in places the grass was still too long, while elsewhere there was no grass at all.

Although there was a marked improvement as the days passed, the greens continued to be inconsistent - some were fast, others slow. These conditions, accounted in a large

Simron Singh, the bearded lion of Punjab, who turned pro two years ago, was second with 307. Starting with a 78 on the first day, his next two rounds were 77, he finished with a 75 on the last day which put him just one stroke ahead of Ruda Valji, the barefooted pro from the Willingdon Club, who had had a magnificent round of 72 on the second day, but could do no better than 77, 80 and 79 on the other days.

Phil Pilling who has been performing consistently well of late had three disappointing rounds of 78, 76 and 81 before his final round of 74.

The prize money went right down to the 15th position. There were also prizes for the best professional round each day - these went to Rohtas for two days, Janardan of Poona on the second day, and Pilling on the last day. There was a Rs. 500/- prize for a hole-in-one which went to Garih Dass who achieved it on the 10th hole on the second day. The prize for the most promising professional among the younger ones went to the popular Mandolkar of Bombay.

Ashok Malik emerged as the leading amateur in the 1979 Wills

Ashok's earlier rounds were 78, 82 and 77. Hitting the ball confidently with just the slightest trace of a pull, his missed two foot putts were amply compensated for by some long bold ones.

Hsieu Yu Shu, a slightly built man, made short work of Billon Sethi. Shu puts everything he has into his drives which were about fifteen yards longer than anybody else's, but the greens were not to his liking at all.

On the last day, three putts each on the 16th and 17th, and a narrowly missed eagle on the 18th deprived him of a tie and a play off with Ashok Malik. This is obviously a man to be watched over the championship.

Disastrous

Anil Sharma with his 74 had the best score on the first day, but petered out in subsequent rounds. Achal Nath of Delhi, better than Ashok Malik by nine strokes after three rounds (75, 77, 76) had a disastrous 85 on the last day to finish three strokes behind the eventual winner.

Local heroes Rantan Bati and Ken Peddar raised the hopes of admirers with rounds of 72 and 75 on the first day of the Western India, but faded out with second rounds of 83 and 80.

Lakshman Singh, recent quarter-finalist in the British Amateur, and top seed for the all-India by virtue of being the holder, regained his lost touch on the last day when he had a 73 but it was too late to be anywhere in the reckoning.

East Zone, represented by Ashok Malik, Lakshman Singh, Alan Singh and Manjit Singh, were the winners of the Inter-Zonal competition, while the Republic of China finished one stroke ahead of India in the four way international.

The other countries taking part were Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea. Pakistan, although unable to make it in time for the medal play, should be well represented in the all-India match play, particularly by Talpoor Hassan, the 1977 winner of the individual title in the Asian Team Championships, and recent winner of the 36 hole medal in the Royal Colombo Golf Club Centenary celebrations.

B. L. Goenka was the winner of the 36 hole Seniors Championship with a tally of 172. One stroke behind him was Brig. B. S. Bhagat.

— VINITA TRIPATHI



Rohtas Singh, the comfortable winner who hit far and straight, is a delight to watch

measure, for the high scores throughout.

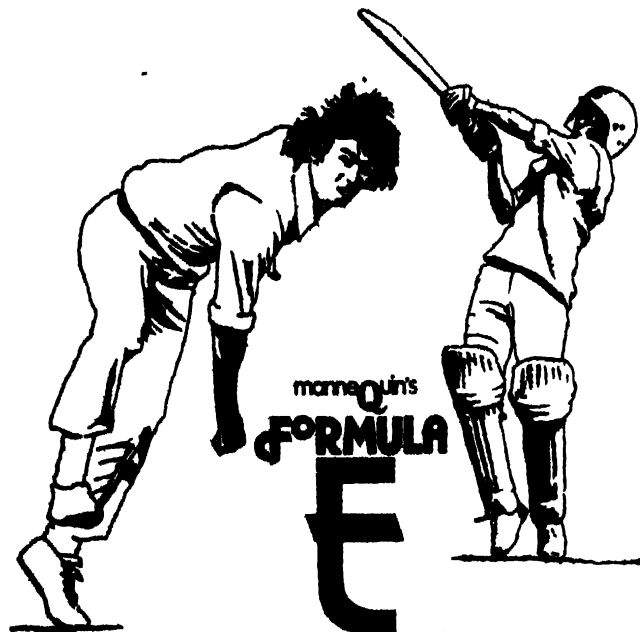
Rohtas Singh, who along with Bombay's Phil Pilling, has been the leading prize money winner recently, won comfortably with an 11 stroke lead over his nearest rival.

Rohtas had the distinction of scoring the lowest round in the four days of play - and the only par throughout. His 70 came on the third day, and together with his other rounds of 75, 76 and 75, he had a tally of 296 - 14 over par. With his slightly hurried swing, he continues to hit the ball far and fairly straight, and his bunker shots are a delight to watch.

Open after a very close struggle. Ashok was also the winner of the 36 hole Western India Championship.

Seeded No. 2 in the draw for the All India, to start immediately after the Wills Open, Ashok had putting problems at the beginning, but eventually overcame them particularly with his final triumphant round of 73, which put him just one stroke ahead of the dependable Col. J. S. Rao, last year's Services champion, and twice national champion Alan Singh, for the 72 hole Wills Open, and just one stroke ahead of the China's Hsieu Yu Shu for the 36 hole Western India title.

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Fresh faces to the fore

THE Inter-Railway Athletic Championships have always been considered as the event of the year insofar as efficiency in organisation, discipline and performance are concerned.

The railways have some of the top athletes of the country and given the right incentive, they have always turned in some splendid performances.

This year too it was no different though one did miss Gnanasekharan, Annamalai, the triple jumper with great promise and Gita Zutshi among the top-notchers. These three have gone seeking other pastures but this has also given a chance to some of the younger athletes, particularly those who have come out of the University recently, to make their mark.

In this respect one has to appreciate the talent scouts of Southern and Eastern Railways in particular Southern Railway who have been the unquestioned champions in both the men and women sections and were pushed to the second spot by their main rivals Northern in the men's section but retained their hold on the women's crown.

This was mainly because of their younger athletes like Padmini Menon who announced her entry into higher grade, beating the record holder Anura Brahma of Eastern in the quarter-mile clocking 57.1 sec. as against Anura Brahma's record of 57.0 sec. Anura herself improved upon the old mark coming home in 57.4 sec.

Padmini, who is the anchor girl helped Southern Railway win the 1 x 400 metres relay which was easily one



Srirupa Chatterjee, one of the longest lasting women sprinters in the country, winning the 100 metres

of the biggest finds of this year's meet.

Another young athlete to make a mark was Mary Thomas who became the first winner of the 3,000 metres, a newly introduced event for the meet, though this even had been held in the Hyderabad nationals and had been won by Uma Das, well known cross country runner a few years ago. Uma Das too, was in the field and finished second.

Another University athlete making good was Purnima Das of Eastern Railway who won the women's 800 metres in a near photo finish with Susamma David second.

These were the fresh faces. There were the older and experienced stars who, more than performed to expectations. International Gopal Saini won a title a day and in each case came up with a new mark, ironically bettering his own previous performance.

This was a very fine show of progress from one of India's finest athletes, Saini, a front runner, ran as if almost alone in each of the three events the 10,000 metres, the 5,000 metres and the 3,000 metres steeplechase.

Best athlete

In the 10,000 metres he lapped every one of the 11 other starters to come home in 29 min. 51.2 sec. while in the 5,000 metres he clocked 14 min 22.3 sec. Then on the third day came his third record in the steeplechase. He was home in 9 min 52.0 sec. He was later adjudged the best athlete of the meet.

Meanwhile, Angel Mary Joseph, one of the busiest athletes, expectedly won everything she took part in. She was easily the best in the pentathlon, the 100 metres hurdles and long jump. In addition she also took part in the two relays which Southern Railway won.

Another prominent athlete in the women's section was Srirupa Chatterjee. One of the longest lasting woman sprinters in the country, Srirupa won both the 100 metres and 200 metres titles while in the short sprint she tied with the record of 17.2 sec. In the 200 metres she bettered her own mark of 25.6 by clocking 25.3 sec. — one of the fastest recorded for the event this year by any athlete in the country.

Bakhtawar Kambhatta of Western Railway did herself and her team proud when she broke the oldest railway record standing in the name



Angel Mary Joseph took a long leap winning everything she took part in. Here she is seen in her effort which won her the long jump

of Kamlesh Chatwal. She threw the shot to a distance of 13.24 metres as against the 1966 mark of 12.51 metres. The national mark too, standing at 13.10 metres, was eclipsed in the process.

Records also came in the men's 110 metres hurdles with M. C. Verghese clocking 14.5 sec. and Anurad of Calcutta Port Commissioner's trying with the old mark of 14.6 sec. from Piana Singh of South Central Railway, who, along with Tejpal Singh Tomar of Western came under the old mark while clocking 2 hrs 27 min 01.5 sec. for the best time in the marathon.

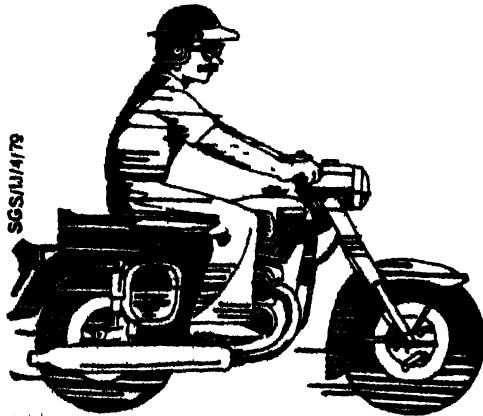
Then there was Manjit Singh of Northern Railway who broke the 6-year-old mark of 53.2 sec. in the 100 metres hurdles and the splendid triumphs of the Southern Railway women's team in the 4 x 400 metres quarter mile, and, his last lap run in the 4 x 100 metres relay, which was also a record.

All in all, it was a good meet, well organised and with plenty of promise for future. The best part was of course the march past where the women played the leading role. Bakhtawar Kambhatta's grace and attire was perhaps what tilted the judges' impression in favour of Western Railway.

— SV Correspondent

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by Nicolette — most successful Railbird

THE 1,000 Guineas, in four of the country's five Winter racing centres, have already been decided and the colours of M.A.M. Ramaswamy have been carried to victory in all the three in which he had a runner.

Miss Minstrel won the first-ever Golconda 1,000 for him in Hyderabad and Nicolette, who had won the Bangalore race, went on to claim the South India one at Madras last Sunday.

Undoubtedly, she is the most successful — which is not to be confused with the best — filly of her age over the 1,600 metres trip as she had earlier won the Bangalore Fillies Trial and the Mysore 1,000. She is by Red Indian-Nicola (by Nicotrat).

Woolver Valley, who is by Werner's Hall-Lover's Delight (by St. Alpha), carried the public purse to victory in the Calcutta 1,000 but it is this writer's opinion that neither Nicolette, nor Miss Minstrel nor Woolver Valley can measure up to Highland Rule and the proof of that assertion is expected to be found in next week's Indian 1,000 in Bombay.

Highland Rule, who is a got-abroad by Highland Melody-Slip Rule (by Privy Councillor), is better bred than the other three and is equally well performed as is Nicolette. It is true that the only defeat that she has suffered in seven outings was by Nicolette in the Bangalore Trial but one is convinced that, that was brought about by the impetuous riding of John Smith.

Better class

Since that defeat Highland Rule, who is owned by Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Ruia and is trained by Uttamsingh, won three races in a row in Bangalore, Pune (F. D. Wadia Gold Cup) and Bombay (Morvi Cup). All three victories have been easily gained and as she is a much better class than her rivals in the Indian 1,000, and as she will meet them at level weight, she can confidently be considered to be home and dry.

Everyusky, the Khatans Everyday II-Not A Wink colt who hitherto has raced only in Bangalore, added the Bangalore 2,000 Guineas to his summer victory in the Bangalore Derby.

Admittedly, there was not much of quality behind him as stable companion Mohawk, whom he beat decisively, is placed two classes lower than him, but, all the same, this is a significant performance of particular



Royal Tern, S. Cruine up, who treated his opponents with scant respect, is seen winning the A. C. Ardeshr Gold Cup in Bombay

interest to Bombay racegoers as he will certainly make the trip for the Indian Derby on February 3. His best recommendation for that race is that he is the conqueror of multi-Classical winner Aristocrat in the Bangalore Derby.

In Bombay, Royal Tern, the magnificent Sowania-bred Royal Gleam-Sea Song colt who is the property of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Goculdas and Mulraj D. Goculdas, rose phoenix-like from the ashes of his St. Leger debacle to treat his two opponents in the 1,600 metres A. C. Ardeshr Gold Cup with scant respect and that, too, with 61.5 kilos on his back as compared to the 54.5 of Wild Blossom and the 52.5 of Vox Populi who finished three and a half lengths ahead of him in Pune when in receipt of only 1.5 kilos.

It is true that Vox Populi stood off soon after the start and took no effective part in the race, finally passing the winning post after both the other runners were in the unsaddling enclosure (this is probably the first time in India that a winner has been led in even before the race is full over), but one's thinking will

have to be totally warped to believe that had she galloped all the way she would have affected the result.

The more one sees of Kevin Darley's riding the less one likes it and one wonders how he has been brought out by so experienced and so knowledgeable a racing man as R. J. Sigtia. Darley lost a certain race on Allez Venus on the opening day and he did the same on Ethics in the 1,000 metres M. O. Petit Plate when he lost the race by losing ground at the turn.

Again, surely, he knew that as there were only three runners in the Ardeshr Cup Vox Populi would earn third place money had she passed the post. None the less, he preferred to trot the filly and in so doing, caused avoidable delay and annoyance to everyone.

Copper Knight, who let down a big following when he threw his rider soon after the start in the upper division of the Borivli Plate, looks so fit that he can win anytime he runs. The others to follow are Top Hat, My Sako and Black Fury.

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Buzzing Around



by S. K. Abul Kheir

WHILE it is true that Indians are extremely fond of cricket, it must be remembered that it is as cricket-watchers and not as cricket-players. Hence I am happy that somebody has thought of forming a cricket-watchers' association on the lines of Sunil Gavaskar's cricket-players' association.

I bumped into the secretary of the 'cricket-watchers' association, outside the Wankhede Stadium, the other day and, congratulated him on having formed the association.

"The cricket board is not happy with it," he said. "It thinks it is challenging the authority of the board and will promote indiscipline among spectators."

"The board said the same thing

when Gavaskar formed his players' association," I said.

The secretary said: "We are only concerned with the interests of the spectators. Year after year, they are raising admission rates at all the cricket grounds in the country and making fantastic profits, but not a single paisa of this money is going into the pockets of the spectators."

"Too bad," I said.

"The board and the players must realise that it is the spectators who are the backbone of the game in India. Even when third-rate Australian teams are playing second-rate Indian teams, the spectators have sat through five days of sun and rain in the interest of cricket," he said.

"Quite true," I said. "Has your association put up any proposals before the board?"

The secretary said: "We had called a meeting of spectators from all the six Test centres. It was unanimously decided that a proper fee should be paid to spectators to attend Test matches. The board should also appoint an observer at each Test centre to see that the spectators' interests are looked after."

"I am glad to hear that," I said.

The secretary continued: "At the meeting, a representative from Calcutta raised the issue of presenting awards to the best spectator of the match, the spectator with the loudest voice, biggest transistor, largest stock of fire-crackers, etc. He suggested that special awards should be presented, either at the hands of the board president or Vijay Merchant, to those spectators who manage to avoid the police, run across the field and shake hands with batsmen on completion of their centuries."

"A very sensible suggestion," I said.

The secretary said: "Knowing the experience of wives of cricketers, who are not allowed to accompany their husbands on tours, the cricket-spectators' association has decided to get an assurance from the board that under no circumstances will the board at any date in the future, prohibit wives of spectators from accompanying their husbands to a Test match."

"Good," I said.

The secretary said: "We are also informing the board that there has been too much cricket of late and the spectators are feeling the strain of it."

Question box



Q WHAT are the highest and lowest scores of Pakistan in Tests?

— S. K. Abul Kheir, (Calcutta-73).

A HIGHEST 657 for eight vs. West Indies at Bridgetown in 1957-58. Lowest: 87 against England at Lord's in 1954.

Q WHO is the better batsman and bowler between Kapil Dev and Karsan Ghavri?

— Hemant Sheth, (Bombay).

A KAPIL, who is improving rapidly, is better in both. At the same time, Ghavri's potential and utility cannot be underestimated.

Q HOW many runs have been scored and wickets claimed by Karsan Ghavri and Kapil Dev in first class cricket?

— P. P. Pethe, (Nagpur).

A GHAVRI, who made his first class debut in 1969-70, had

scored 3,200 runs, and claimed 353 wickets, including 153 in the Ranji Trophy, by the end of the England tour this summer. Kapil Dev, who made his debut in 1975-76, has scored 1,516 runs and taken 151 wickets, including 69 in the Ranji Trophy, by then.

Q WHO is the best all-rounder in the world today?

— Susanta Phookan, (Dibrugarh, Assam).

A IAN BOTHAM, of England, without a doubt.

Q WHO do you consider as the best opening batsman among Gavaskar, Greenidge, Turner and Redpath?

— Manjeet Singh, (Aligarh, U.P.).

A GAVASKAR has now established himself as a cut above the rest.

Q HOW many Test centuries have been scored by Eng-

land's Geoff Boycott? Could you please give the break-up?

— Sri Rathin Das, (Calcutta-60).

A IN 84 Tests at the end of the series with India early this summer, Boycott scored 18 centuries, five of them against Australia, four against West Indies, three each against India and Pakistan, two against New Zealand and one against South Africa.

Q WHEN and where was the inaugural National Hockey Championship played and who were the winners?

— John de Souza, (Vasco, Goa).

A UP were the winners when the championship was first held in Calcutta in 1928. Rajputana were the runners-up. There were just five entries.

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton



by
R. B. Sapre

THE Women's World Inter-Zonal Tournament at Rio De Janeiro was won by 17-year-old Nina Ioseliani (USSR) with 14½ points out of 16. Other players who qualified as candidates for Women's World Championship were: Zsuzsa Verosi (Hungary) 12; N. Alexandria (USSR) 11; E. Polihroniade (Rumania) 10½; Nemmt Fishdik (W. Ger.) 10½; and Kozlavskaya (USSR) or Lazarevich (Yugo.) 9½ each, after a tie-breaking match.

FRENCH DEFENCE

White: Ioseliani

Black: Borisova (Sweden)

1. PK4, PK3 2. PQ4, PQ4 3. NQ2, PQB4 4. KPXP, QXP (a) 5. KNB3, PXP 6. BB4, QQ3 7. OO, NKB3 8. NN3, NB3 9. QNXp (b), NXP 10. NXP, PQR3 11. PQR4, QB2? (c) 12. QK2, BK2 13. RK1, OO 14. BQ3, BQ3 15. NB3, BQ2 16. BKN5, NQ4 17. QK4, PKN3? (d) 18. BR6, KRK1 19. QO4, BKB1 20. BxB, RxB 21. NK5, PKR4 (e) 22. PQB4, NB3?

(f) 23. QB4, KN2 24. NXP, QXP 25. NXP, BB3 26. PON4, QRO1 27. PN5, BK1 28. BK2, RO5 29. PN3, PK4 30. NXP, NXP 31. BXP, RXP 32. RXP (g) PXP 33. QRK1, PXP 34. RxB and White won.

(a) 3. NQ2 is the Tarrasch Variation. Here 4... KPXP accepting the isolated Queen Pawn gives Black a more active game.

(b) MCO gives equality after 9. RK1, PQR3 10. PQR4, BK2 11. KNP, NXP 12. QXP, QXP (Averbach-Stahlberg, Zurich 1953).

(c) Better 11... BK2 continuing development.

(d) 17... PB4 would be more constant.

(e) Further weakening, necessary to prevent NN4.

(f) A mistake losing the KNP. 22... NK2 had he tried.

(g) Two Pawns down, Black could well have resigned.

India's international master, Jayashri Khadilkar, took time to settle down and played well in the latter half of the tournament to collect 6½ points. Here is the game she won against grand master Kozlovskaya of USSR.

**VOLGA GAMBIT
KOZLAVSKAYA-JAYASHRI**

1. PQ4, NKB3 2. PQB4, PB4 3. PQ5, PON4 (Volga Gambit; Black gets Queen side pressure for the Pawn) 4. PXP, PQR3 5. PXP, BXP 6. PKN3, PKN3 7. BN2, PQ3 8. NKB3, BKN2 9. OO, OO 10. NB3, QNO2 11. QB2, QR4 12. BO2, KRN1 13. KRK1, QN3 14. QRN1, BN2! (A subtle move to induce PK4 so as to weaken White's Q3) 15. PK4? (better 15. NKR4 or 15. NKN5), NN5 16. PKR3, N5K4 17. PN3, BOR3 18. NXP, NXP 19. RK3, QRR 20. PB4? (White falls into the trap; 20. KR2 was necessary, though after 20... PB5 21. PB4, NO6 22. PXP, NN5 Black is better off), BQ6! 21. RxB, NXR 22. PK5 (22... QXP loses to 22. PB5ch 23. QK3, BQ5) NN5 23. QK4, NRRP and Black won.

END GAME

Last week's ending by K. Bettush ("Shakhmatni Jurnal" 1894). White: Kf4; P's-f6, e7. Black: Kf7; P's-c7, d4. Win. 1. Kf3! 2. Pc6 3. Kf4! 4. Pc5 5. Ke4, Ke8 6. Kd5, Kd7 7. Kc4! 8. Ke8 9. Kxc5, Pd3 10. Kd6, Pd2 11. Ke6! 12. Pd1Q 13. P7 mate.

Bridge

by **Jimmy Mehta**

ORLANDO COMPOS introduced a pretty variation of smother play, at this year's All India Par contest:

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					10 7 6 5 2
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J 953					Q
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					10 8 7 6 4 2
					A K 4
					Q 3 2

Contract 4 Hearts: Lead S 3 (East has overcalled in spades during the auction).

The official line is for declarer to play a heart to the King. When East's Queen appears he knows it is singleton. No ruffs a spade in hand and returns a club which East wins with the Ace and backs a club. Another spade is cashed discarding dummy's last spade. The Ace and King of diamonds are cashed and a diamond exit to East smother's West's hearts in this position:

					nil
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					10 7 6
					nil
					N
nil					K Q
J 9 5	W	E			nil
nil					Q
10					9

S
nil
10 8 7
4
nil

When South plays his last diamond West has to discard his club 10 and any return by East reduces West's two natural trump tricks to one. If West opts to ruff the third diamond he merely exchanges his side's natural diamond trick for an extra heart trick.

A pretty hand — but there is a flaw in it. Can you spot it?

"I can't make it if East ducks the club" was Sharad Mhatre's comment after he had brought home his smother. He proceeded to demonstrate that if declarer continues clubs East can win his Ace and play back either minor, denying dummy an entry to ruff out the third spade. Alternatively, if declarer utilises the ducked club entry for ruffing a third spade, East can return a fourth spade when in with the club Ace to spike declarer's guns.

"I timed it wrong", Mhatre continued "The right play at trick two is a club". This was precisely what Campos himself discovered later in the day. The defence can now no longer get a trump promotion for declarer's third spade ruff has been deferred. Try it and see...

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton

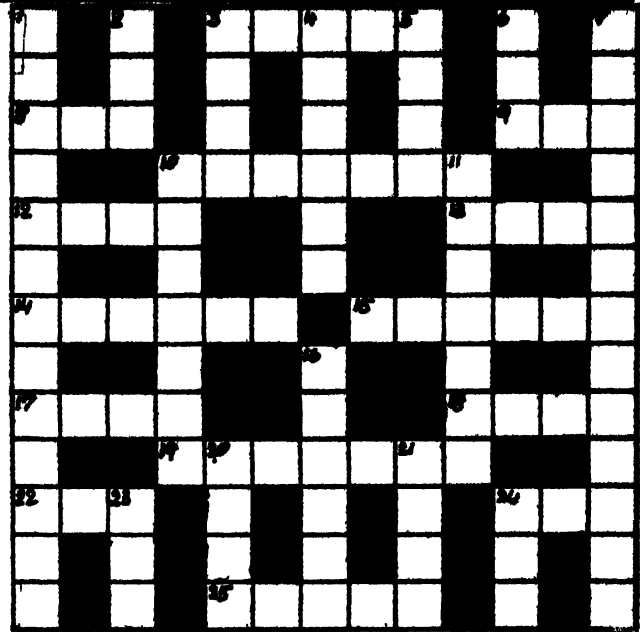


ACROSS

8. Many promising young sportsmen - out due to lack of dedication (5).
8. Indian wicketkeeper Tamhane initially (1, 1, 1).
9. - Calhoun won the 110 m. hurdles in the 1936 and 1960 Olympic Games (3).
10. Australian cricketer starts with a pet name of another (8, 1).
12. She donated a trophy for women's badminton international matches (4).
13. Two mornings give you a statistician returning (4).
14. One devoted to the service of a lady is on the chessboard (6).
15. The - stroke is Kiran Mala Devi's forte (6).
17. Indian international basketball Hari - (4)
18. One sb gives you the first name of Nastase (4)
19. English cricketer of Indian origin begins with a sweet conserve of fruit and ends with an heir (7).
22. You do this with 21 down (3).
24. Golfing peg (3).
25. A game of the intellect (5).

DOWN

1. Premier horse race in America (8, 5).
2. Umpires call in table tennis (3).
3. This kick is awarded in football (4)
4. 1956 Olympic Games 1,500 m run champion with an word of no choice (6).
5. Race horses are retired here (4).
6. World chess champion has a thankful start (3).
7. USSR tennis star with a drink from the pub (4, 9).
10. English cricketer starts with a two-masted boat (6, 1)



11. Elizabeth Davenport was India's leading - thrower for a number of years (7).
16. Spyridon Louis winner of the first Olympic marathon hailed from here (6).
20. The Bedser cricket twin that become an England selector (4).
21. A canoeist uses them (4).
23. Bearded grand old man of English cricket initially (1, 1, 1).
24. A century in cricket (3).

How much do you know?

1. In which gymnastic events is footwear compulsory?
2. How many dives do men perform in springboard diving?
3. After the score has reached 8-all in squash which player has the option to set the game at two?
4. Will a chess player love the game if he has not made the prescribed moves in the given time?
5. In basketball, during jump-ball, can a player tap the ball more than once?
6. In ball badminton, during the

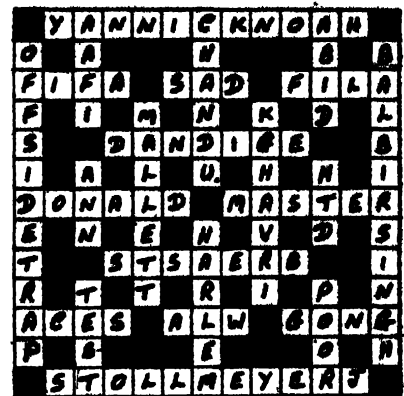
- act of playing the ball, can a player cross over the net?
7. The ball goes over the touch-line hits the fence and burst. What should the football referee do?

ANSWERS

1. Side-horse, rings, parallel bars and horizontal bar. 2. Eleven Five required and six voluntary. 3. The player who reaches 8 points first. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. Only twice. 6. No. It is a fault. 7. Allow the throw-in with a new ball.

— HOSEY MISTRY

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"Wizard" — RIP

INDIAN hockey is dead today with the passing away of the hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand.

Dhyan put India on the world map when he helped India to win the Olympic hockey title on three occasions in 1928 (Amsterdam), 1932 (Los Angeles), and 1936 (Berlin).

His fine stick-work was highly appreciated by Adolph Hitler, who complimented Dhyan after India beat Germany 8-1. A great centre-forward, of his time, he scored nearly 400 goals in India and abroad — a record in the game — and was known as the magician of hockey.

To pay a befitting tribute to the late Padma Bhushan award winner Dhyan, Indian players would do well to try and restore India's lost position in the forthcoming 1980 Olympic Games.

— Major Lachhman Singh.
(New Delhi).

★

IN the passing away of Major Dhyan Chand, our country has lost a very good sportsman and one of the best hockey players of International repute. His record of 400 goals scored in International matches against several countries is yet to be equalled.

As a devoted hockey fan, I request youngsters in the game to draw inspiration from this great sportsman and help India regain her lost glory.

— B. R. Gangadhara,
(Panaji, Goa).

★

IN the death of hockey wizard Dhyan Chand India has lost an illustrious son who was a legend in hockey in his life time.

He brought glory to India by his performance on the field and can be regarded as an "all-time-great". His stick-work earned him the title "hockey wizard" and made India proud of him. His death is a loss to the entire nation.

— M. P. Verma,
(Chandigarh).

One combined team

THE Cricket Control Board of India will be completing 50 years of functioning next year. A Test match will be played between India and England to commemorate this auspicious occasion. Actually, all countries were invited to participate in this function but due to prior arranged tours, are not able to do so.

It is a fact that the Cricket Control Board of India came into existence to serve only one country but, later in 1947 the country divided into India and Pakistan. At that time, quite a few cricketers who played for India migrated to Pakistan and continued to play on behalf of Pakistan.

I would like to suggest that the Cricket Control Board of India should select one combined team after consultation with Pakistan Cricket Control Board to play England on this memorable occasion.

The appropriate team would be :
Gavaskar (captain), Majid Khan, Zaheer Abbas, Viswanath, Javed Miandad, Asif Iqbal (vice-captain), Imran Khan, Syed Kirmani (wicket keeper), Kapil Dev, Shivalal Yadav or Dilip Doshi and Iqbal Qasim, with R. Binny as the twelfth man.

—Anwar Siddiqui
(Chhatkopar, Bombay)

True spirit of the game

RECENTLY, Test cricket has come up to such a state of rivalry that the good old concept of it being a "gentleman's game"



seems forlorn. Yet, incidents do occur, although rarely, which revive the original spirit of the game.

One such incident took place in the second Test at Delhi. Majid Khan, the Pakistan vice-captain deputizing for skipper Asif Iqbal made a very sporting gesture, befitting a gentleman, when he asked Dilip Doshi, given run out by umpire Chouse, to continue at the crease. Full marks to Majid Khan, for using his authority for a good purpose.

Winning a game is not just enough to placate the hearts of admirers. Fair-minded viewers would like such gentlemanly gestures to flow more often.

— Khushrow H. Havewala
(Bombay)

★

IN the sad demise of Major Dhyan Chand, Indian hockey has lost her father. He was a great hockey player and dedicated his life to Indian hockey.

We, Indians salute the hockey wizard for the glory he brought to Indian hockey.

— Iqbal Singh Saroya,
(Patiala).

Revealing

YOUR article "Yashpal's head swells already", (SW Nov. 11), was revealing. It brought to light his pride, of which, I for one was ignorant of so far.

He is indeed a cricketer who lacks sporting spirit both on and off the field. If this continues, in time to come, he is bound to be ignored by fans and spectators alike.

— John Charles Dube,
(Mhow, M.P.).

MAJID KHAN'S gesture in the Delhi Test, allowing Doshi to continue playing, although he was legitimately out, makes him a true sportsman and gentleman.

— Kali N. Peshoten
(Napean Sea, Bombay)

★

IT was quite surprising that not a single player from Assam was selected for the Indian Under-16 football team to tour Singapore, considering that Assam are the reigning Sub-Junior National champions and also the All-India school games champions.

— M. Salkia, S. Singh
(Titabor)

★

THE article by Rod Laver (SW Dec. 2) was most interesting. His view for the need of personality on court is essentially true.

I feel Arthur Ashe qualifies for this position.

— K. N. Ananth
(Bombay).

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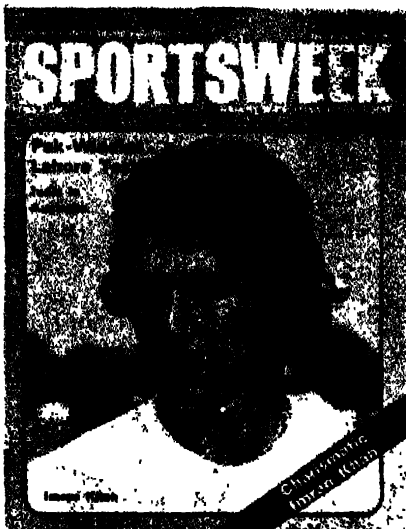
On that fateful evening, there were more than the capacity fixed as

within safety limits by the police, 14,000, long before the gates were closed and the game commenced. A report on the Rovers Cup... p 31.

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IMRAN KHAN NIAZI, 28, has gained world-wide acclaim for his good looks and physique which has somehow shadowed his performances on the field.

This is unfortunate, for Imran is a magnificent cricketer. A fast bowler of the highest order, he has subdued batsmen of all countries with his fervor pace.

Indian spectators unfortunately were denied watching Imran in full flight due to his injuries last season.

But the recent Test against West Indies has proved that Imran is fit and raring to go. His memorable century in this Test has also proved that he is a more than adequate batsman.

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A 'good sport' is no more

THE tragic passing away, at the young age of 41, of prominent businessman, philanthropist, social worker and sports promoter Krishna Sanghi is illustrative of the adage that those that God loves die young.

Krishna's involvement with sport in general and squash in particular (he played a game with this writer just three days before his death) is too well-known to bear repetition. In any event, this was only to be expected since he was a scion of the sporting Sanghi family, the head of which Capt. Suraj Prakash Sanghi is still an active golfer at the ripe age of 61 and a hard-working member of the Addicts Golfing Society.

Fame and recognition came early to Krishna Sanghi. He was the youngest-ever President of the prestigious Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town. The many 'firsts' which came his way would have turned the head of any ordinary mortal.

But Krishna was no ordinary human being. He was blessed with qualities of heart and head which are bestowed upon only the chosen few. Those who knew him affectionately referred to him as "Raj". It was often said of him that his "dil" was "darya".

Benevolence

Krishna never said "no" to any appeal for a good cause. The number of people that he helped in all walks of life was legion but at no time did he expect anything in return. And very few, including members of his family, were informed about who the recipients of his benevolence and magnanimity were.

Apart from his many involvements as industrialist — he was partner of Sah & Sanghi, Managing Director of Tyresoles Pvt. Ltd., Director of Blow Plast Ltd., Sistas Ltd., and many other organisations — Krishna was also involved with The Indian Merchants Chamber, The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, The Council for Fair Business Practice, The Automobile Ancillaries Manufacturers, The Barge Owners Association and numerous other social, welfare, sporting and charitable organisations. He was honorary secretary of the Willingdon Sports Club at the time of his death.

A benevolent employer, a champion of the underdog and the down-trodden, one who was scrupulously honest in his business dealings, Krishna Sanghi lived life to the full,



Krishna Sanghi

laughing and joking his way through it. An affectionate, fair-minded person, Krishna was consulted in all kinds of matters by people of all

ages, some of them almost twice his age. He could be counted upon always for sagacious counsel and for reasonableness as an arbitrator. He was "Mr. Reliable".

A dependable friend, a good companion, a "good sport" at all times was Krishna Sanghi. Those who knew him well marvelled at his capacity to "give" without strings attached. The Maker does not create very many like him. Of his brief but incandescent innings, one can say in all sincerity, "This was a life."

His innumerable friends, acquaintances and well-wishers from all walks of life will pray for his soul as also that the Almighty may give members of his family the courage to bear this irreparable loss.

It will be in the fitness of things for Krishna Sanghi's life and services to be remembered through a memorial. SPORTSWEEK suggests that a committee be formed to consider suggestions for a suitable memorial to a truly good human being R.I.P.

"It was a terrible performance by our batsmen. This is not how we can play. Lillee bowled well but we



helped him along with some poor batting."

— Geoff Howarth, New Zealand's skipper, after his side's defeat in the first Test against Australia.

"I've been playing badly for a couple of more years. It's nothing to

do with anyone else — just me. I've lost my confidence and if you lose that, I think you lose everything."

— Ilie Nastase

"Most heartening was the way he got his back in his bowling again, making the ball swing and move around much more like his old self."

— Ken Barrington on Ian Botham after the latter had passed the fitness test.

"The left knee was the problem towards the end of last season, but I have been put through my paces



with circuit training and I have been following a running programme and getting mobility into my legs."

— Bob Willis, after getting through the fitness test

Imran scores maiden ton as...

RAIN KILLS ALL INTEREST

THE first Test between Pakistan and West Indies ended out into an insipid draw at the Gaddafi Stadium at Lahore. This was inevitable after the third day's play, was completely washed out by unseasonal showers.

But the match had some redeeming features the most notable of which was Imran Khan's maiden Test hundred.

Imran has been a highly underrated batsman. His bowling no doubt predominates over his efforts with the willow, but he is no mean batsman as he so admirably demonstrated here.

In fact it was his effort that saved the home side from an utter rout. This is not to undermine the excellent batting of Wasim Raja and, surprisingly, Sarfraz Nawaz. But

Imran's effort was supreme and he emerged as the best batsman from either side in this Test.

In the process he also completed 1000 runs in Test cricket to become only the second Pakistani (Intikhab Alam was the first) to complete the all-rounders double of 1000 runs and 100 wickets.

Pakistan took first strike and were soon up to their neck in trouble. Though the injured Stokes was not leading the attack, Clarke, Croft, Marshall and Garner bowled to it and accurately to have Pakistan suffering with their backs to the wall.

Croft and Garner were the pick of this fearsome quartet though Clarke and Marshall too bowled well in spells. Clive Lloyd shuffled his bowlers around intelligently to keep the pressure constantly on the Pakistani batsmen.

Sadiq was the first to leave, tucking a ball from Marshall into the hands of the keeper. Test debutant Mansur Akhtar arrived on the scene and held out for some time scoring 13 runs.

But he never really settled down and departed in the same manner as Sadiq, the bowler this time being Colin Croft.

Then there was a middle order collapse which left the home side precariously placed at 45 for 5, at which stage Imran Khan joined the 'mercurial' Wasim Raja.

Taslim, Javed and Majid had all fallen in quick succession to the pace of Garner and Croft in trying to play flashy strokes. But Wasim and Imran put their heads down sensibly and started their rescue operation.

Raja is now a very accomplished batsman and he is in fine fettle. The pace of the Windies quartet did



Imran Khan... It was his memorable knock of 123 that saved the home side from an utter rout.

not induce him into indiscreet strokes like the previous batsman

Once he got into his groove, he opened out and played some glorious strokes. Of course, many of his cuts just eluded the slip cordon, but then that is Raja for you.

His batting always contains that minimum amount of risk. Nevertheless what is important is that he delivers the goods.

Imran played sedately and lent excellent support to Raja and these two put on an invaluable 93 runs in the sixth wicket.

Ironically this flourishing partnership was terminated by the gentle off-spin of Vivian Richards, Lloyd, who was at the end of his tether handed the ball to Richards who tempted Raja with his flighted off-breaks into holing out to Kallicharran.

Pakistan finished the first day on 218 for 6 with Imran unbeaten on 53. The outstanding features of the day apart from Raja's and Imran's batting was the magnificent holding of Bacchus. The man has amazing reflexes and must surely rank as the best fielder in the world today.

Jack Garner bowled superbly. With his height he extracted considerable bounce from the wicket and is very accurate. A difficult bowler to score runs off, he held Raja and Imran on a tight leash even when they were well settled.

The second day belonged to the handsome Pakistan all-rounder Imran. Incidentally it was also his birthday and Imran celebrated it with some brilliant batting.

From the start he batted as though he meant to enjoy himself, striking the ball with an ease that no other player had managed on the slow-paced wicket.

Failed

The Windies failed to take a wicket in the morning session though Croft forced Abdul Qadir to retire hurt when a rising delivery struck the batsman on the left shoulder. Qadir's departure brought in the tall Sarfraz and the two Pakistani fast bowlers launched an onslaught on their West Indian counterparts.

The score had reached 356 before Imran fell leg before to Marshall for a memorable 123. Sarfraz, batting boldly, went on to make 55 and the Pakistani innings terminated at 369, a very respectable total.

And then Imran enlivened the proceedings further by claiming Bacchus in his very first over. West Indies were off to a disastrous start but Haynes and Richards, batting carefully, saw them through the day.

The third day being washed out by rain, the chances of a result were considerably dimmed. The only hope lay in a West Indian collapse and this was successfully averted by Desmond Haynes and the irrepressible Vivian Richards.

Richards has never shown his greatness against Pakistan and on his last tour here in 1975 he was a dismal failure. But on the fourth day he gave the spectators good value for their money in a swash-buckling innings of 75.

Though he was not as aggressive as he is known to be, time and again he produced magnificent shots which bore the distinct stamp of a genius.

Haynes played the anchor role, lending good support to Richards and they put on 117 runs for the second wicket. But then departure in quick succession caused a collapse of sorts. Kallicharran and Lloyd following immediately out to negligent strokes.

The spinners, Qadir, Nazir Junior and Qasim posed the major problems for the tourists on a pitch which had slowed down considerably due to the rain.

However, from 225 for 6, the Windies rallied through. Gomes (33) and Murray (50) to total 217 runs behind Pakistan. But they had batted the entire day, giving any possibility of a result.

The final day's play was a case of futility. With the possibility of a win out of the question, the

Pakistani batsmen just went out to the middle to consume time.

But they had to encounter some really hostile bowling from the West Indies pacemen, especially from Syl-vester Clarke, who bowled with great fury.

He hit Taslim Arif on the glove causing him to retire hurt and then knocked back Mansur Akhtar's stumps before the batsman had opened his account.

Sadiq and Javed steadied the innings, though they batted in a painfully laborious manner much to the consternation of the spectators, before Javed was run out.

Maqid entered the scene and raised the tempo of the game with some vintage strokes. Sadiq left soon and then there was another collapse as the Pakistani batsmen tried to brighten the gloomy last day by going for runs.

In the process they lost quick wickets and only Maqid held on for a well-compiled 62.

Both the captains then settled for a draw half an hour before close with Pakistan on 158 for 6 and this ended a Test which could have been exciting had it not been interrupted by rain.

— SW Correspondent

SCORE-BOARD

PAKISTAN (1st innings)

Sadiq Mohammad c Murray	
b Marshall	19
Taslim Arif c Murray b	
Garner	32
Mansur Akhtar c Murray b	
Croft	13
Javed Miandad c Richard	
b Croft	7
Maqid Khan c Bacchus b Garner	4
Wasim Raja c Kallicharran	
b Richards	76
Imran Khan lbw Marshall	123
Abdul Qadir retired hurt	16
Sarfraz Nawaz c Richards b	
Croft	55
Iqbal Qasim b Marshall	1
Nazir Junior not out	1
Extras	19

Total 369

FALL OF WICKETS 1-51 2-65 3-67 4-71 5-95 6-166 7-356 8-366 9-369

BOWLING (overs 29 3 68 0) Croft 26 4 89 3, Marshall 27 1 111 1, Garner 27 6 112 2, Richard 7 0 31 1

WEST INDIES (1st innings)

D L Haynes c Qasim b Nazir Junior	40
S J A Bacchus lbw Imran	0
V A Richards b Nazir Junior	75
A I Kallicharran c Sadiq	
b Qadir	11
C H Lloyd c Miandad b	
Qasim	22
H A Gomes b Wasim Raja	43
D H Murray c Maqid Khan	
b Qadir	50

D A Marshall b Sarfraz	9
I Qasim c Taslim b Qadir	15
C H Croft not out	7
S I Clarke c Taslim b Qadir	15
Extras	10

Total 297

FALL OF WICKETS 1-11 2-118 3-119 4-112 5-158 6-225 7-255, 8-275 9-276

BOWLING Imran Khan 16-2-39-1, Sarfraz 13-3-40-1, Abdul Qadir 10-1-4-131-4, Iqbal Qasim 12-4-18-1, Wasim Raja 10-3-21-1, Nazir 17-4-28-2

PAKISTAN (2nd innings)

Taslim Arif retired hurt	6
Sadiq Mohammad lbw Clarke	28
Mansur Akhtar b Clarke	0
Javed Miandad run out	30
Maqid Khan not out	62
Wasim Raja lbw Clarke	3
Imran Khan c Marshall b	
Richards	9
Abdul Qadir c Haynes b	
Richards	1
Sarfraz Nawaz c Garner b	
Haynes	4
Extras	11

Total (for 7 wickets) 156

FALL OF WICKETS 1-15 2-57, 3-101 4-112 5-125 6-133 7-156

BOWLING Clarke 12-2-26-3, Marshall 15-1-30-0, Croft 20-7-38-0, Richards 11-4-19-2, Garner 9-3-17-0, Gomes 11-9-0, Kallicharran 1-6-4-0, Haynes 1-0-2-1

Match Drawn

Aussies' easy win

— by Dicky Rutnagur —

IN spite of their own cricket being of very poor quality for the most part, Australia won the first Test at the GABBA by the wide margin of ten wickets which is some indication of the depths plumbed by New Zealand who were having the first Test outing since winning the home series against the mighty West Indies.

A three-day finish to this Test match was unbelievable for the GABBA wicket was in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian groundsmanship. Gary Long, one of the youngest curators of Test grounds anywhere in the world, has produced one of the finest Test pitches I have ever seen.

Its bounce was true and even, allowing the batsmen to play shots with confidence while it had just enough bone in it to give encouragement to the bowler of class, as was proved first by Richard Hadlee and then by Dennis Lillee who ripped the heart out of New Zealand's second innings.

A closer contest was promised by New Zealand's performances during the run-in to the Test match. They had beaten Victoria in a truncated match at the MCC in their opening first-class fixture and in their only other state game against Queensland at the same venue as proved their graveyard, they had shared a very respectable draw.

Different

True that overs limit cricket is a different game altogether from a Test match but New Zealand's victory over Australia in the first Benson and Hedges World Series Cup game at Adelaide, should have been a tremendous shot in the arm.

It is true also that the New Zealanders were badly hit by injuries and yet they were the first to admit that they did not make the most of what resources they were left with.

New Zealand, however, did have one legitimate excuse and that was their tour itinerary which gave them less than fair opportunity to settle into a frame of mind to play a Test match. The new format of twin tours in which overs limit games take pride of place in one of the most evil legacies of Packer cricket and of the involvement in Australian cricket of his PBL.

To come to the events of the Test



Dennis Lillee . . . ripped the heart out of New Zealand's second innings

match, Greg Chappell won the toss and put New Zealand in. It was a predictable move because the pitch retained some moisture from preparation and was likely to produce more bounce and movement in the early stages than at any other time in the match.

Under the circumstances, New Zealand could have been expected to be bowled out for a modest score but the fact was that the Australian pace attack, with no exceptions at all, was hopelessly inaccurate.

Batting with application and resisting all temptations to flash at several deliveries that passed outside

the off stump, New Zealand's left-handed openers John Wright and Bruce Edgar put on 64 runs. The difficult part of the job had been done and New Zealand could look forward to harvesting a safe total.

But they wasted the fine start and were bowled out for 225, losing most of their wickets to bad shots. Even Wright and Edgar, who had shown so much discipline earlier, on, slit their own throats. So did skipper Geoff Howarth and John Parker who scored 65 and 52 respectively and put on 117 for the fourth wicket to provide the only other period

of prosperity enjoyed by New Zealand during their innings.

After their stand was broken, the remaining six wickets fell for only 32 runs. Leg-spinner Jim Higgs exploited the wayward batting to seize four wickets in the space of only 14 balls.

Hadlee (bowling faster than anybody did in the match) was distinctly unlucky not to claim John Dyson lbw with the first ball he bowled to him. Sedately and competently, Graeme Wood and Dyson put on 80 for the first wicket and the limited New Zealand attack was now ripe for attack.

But Australia suffered heavy casualties in mounting this charge. They were 258 for seven with all their front-line batsmen dismissed and they would have been worse off if New Zealand had held their catches close the wicket.

After Wood and Dyson, only Allan Border had shown signs of playing a long innings but he was run out by a brilliant piece of fielding in the covers by Mark Burgess, the New Zealand side's veteran making an appearance after an attack of glandular fever which caused him to miss most of last season. Burgess's reflexes at the crease have become markedly slow but the agility with which he ran out Border did credit to a man of 36.

Through the efforts of the tail-enders Australia opened up a lead of 80 and Lillee's score of 24 was



Graeme Wood . . . put on 80 for the first wicket with Dyson and went on to score a hundred



Richard Hadlee . . . bowling faster than anybody did in the match, was distinctly unlucky not to claim Dyson off his first ball

proof enough that the wicket was full of runs. New Zealand were bundled out for a mere 142 in just over three hours.

Mark you, Lillee this time bowled magnificently — fast and with a deadly accuracy in direction. The

New Zealanders, without proper match practice, were not mentally prepared for such an onslaught and surrendered quite tamely. Their defiance was confined to a fluent innings of 51 from Edgar who was eighth out and Hadlee.

SCORE-BOARD

NEW ZEALAND (1st innings):	
J. Wright c Marsh b Pascoe	29
B. Edgar c Marsh b Lawson	20
P. McEwan c Border b Lillee	6
C. Howarth c and b Higgs	65
J. Parker b Pascoe	52
M. Burgess c Chappell b Pascoe	0
I. Smith c Hughes b Lillee	7
R. Hadlee c Marsh b Higgs	10
L. Cairns c Border b Higgs	0
J. Bracewell not out	6
B. Bracewell b Higgs	0
Extras	30

Total 225

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-71, 3-76, 4-193, 5-193, 6-209, 7-209, 8-221, 9-225.

BOWLING: D. Lillee 18-7-36-2; Pascoe 19-4-41-3, G. Lawson 12-2-39-1, G. Chappell 4-1-18-0; J. Higgs 16.1-3-59-4; Walter 1-0-2-0.

AUSTRALIA (1st innings):

G. Wood c Parker b J. Bracewell	111
J. Dyson lbw Cairns	30
G. Chappell c McEwan b Cairns	35
K. Hughes c Wright b Hadlee	9
A. Border run out	36
D. Walters b Cairns	17
R. Marsh b Hadlee	8
D. Lillee c Parker b Cairns	24
G. Lawson c sub (Boock) b Hadlee	16
L. Pascoe b Cairns	5
J. Higgs not out	1
Extras	13
Total	305

FALL OF WICKETS 1 80, 2-145, 3-160, 4-225, 5-235, 6-250, 7-258, 8-299, 9-299, 10-305

BOWLING: Y. Hadlee 37-8-83-3; B. Bracewell 22-8-71-0; Cairns 38.5-11-87-5; J. Bracewell 18-5-51-1.

NEW ZEALAND (2nd innings):

J. Wright c Walters b Lillee	1
B. Edgar c Hughes b Lillee	51
P. McEwan c Hughes b Lillee	0
G. Howarth c Wood b Lillee	4
J. Parker c Dyson b Lawson	4
M. Burgess c Wood b Lillee	2
I. Smith c Hughes b Pascoe	7
J. Bracewell b Border b Lawson	0
R. Hadlee not out	51
L. Cairns c Border b Lillee	0
B. Bracewell b Pascoe	8
Extras	14

Total 142

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-9, 3-14, 4-30, 5-34, 6-58, 7-61, 8-114, 9-114, 10-142.

BOWLING: Lillee 15-1-53-6; Pascoe 11.1-2-30-2, Lawson 8-0-26-2; Higgs 5-1-19-0

AUSTRALIA (2nd innings):

J. Dyson not out	24
G. Wood not out	32
Extras	7

Total (No loss) 63

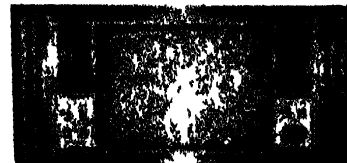
BOWLING: Hadlee 6-0-28-0; B. Bracewell 3-3-0-0; Cairns 7-3-16-0; Bracewell 5-0-12-0.

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India's shocking defeat

AFTER holding the whiplash till the third day and enjoying complete control over the proceedings, the touring Indian cricket team suffered a humiliating 43-run defeat at the hands of South Australia at the Adelaide Oval.

Set the reasonably easy target of scoring 122 runs in 123 minutes plus the 20 mandatory overs in the last hour, the Indians crumbled in the second innings due to an inexplicable batting collapse and were dismissed for a paltry 78 in 29.5 overs in 135 minutes with the match coming to an end in the eighth of the final 20 overs.

Left-arm paceman Geoff Attenborough and newcomer Ross McLellan were the wreckers in-chief of the Indian innings.

Attenborough claimed four wickets for 20 in 11 overs while McLellan had the same number of victims conceding just 18 runs off seven overs.

The Indians obviously took things rather easy which was reflected in the changes they made in the batting order. And this was fully exploited by Attenborough who at one stage claimed three for four in nine deliveries.

The tourists could never recover fully from this initial shock and had lost five wickets with just 35 on the board.

The highest scorer in India's second innings was 13 by G. R. Viswanath who was leading the side in the absence of Gavaskar. Only three other players reached double figures.

There was no excuse for this pathetic batting display especially as the Indians had demonstrated splendid strokeplay in the first innings to amass 456 runs for nine wickets.

Dilip Vengsarkar and Sandeep Patil hit fluent centuries as the two



Vengsarkar . . . fine ton in vain

were concerned in a fruitful partnership of 212 in nearly three hours.

Vengsarkar finished with 153 in 299 minutes with the help of one six and 13 fours while Patil's 116 contained 12 hits to the fence.

Viswanath later described the batting as pathetic.

"When the first three wickets fell quickly, the crash started. There was a great deal of pressure on the remaining players who were unable to handle it, regrettably," Viswanath said.

Gavaskar is confident

THE Indian touring cricket team was well-prepared for the World Cup one-day matches against Australia, Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar said.

"And we should be, happily, ready for Australia in the Test series," said Gavaskar.

"We have had a solid build-up with runs in both our first-class matches. I feel that Indian cricket, particularly the batting, has developed in recent years.

"We are now strokeplayers, not the defensive type as has been something of an earlier custom."

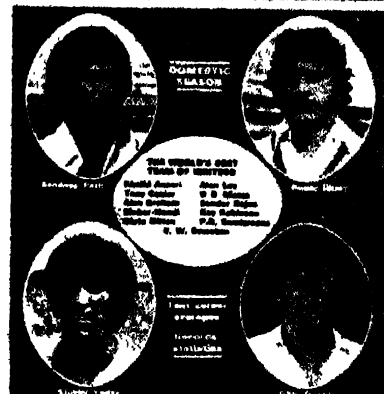
Gavaskar pointed out that India had a fine depth of all-rounders.

"We can bat down to number eight or nine with Kapil Dev filling the role of a hard-hitting lower order batsman," he added.

Speaking of his batsmen, Gavaskar said he was pleased with all his top order players, especially Dilip Vengsarkar, who had matured greatly since their last tour of Australia in 1977.

"Sandeep Patil on his first tour of Australia, has shown fine-form and Vengsarkar is a much tighter batsman but still able to play shots."

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The charismatic Imran Khan

—by Gul Hameed Bhatti—

Is he the most good-looking and handsomest cricketer ever? I don't believe so, but he is certainly the most sought after. If I don't say he is the handsomest cricketer ever I may receive a lynching squad at my house, or people willing and ready to burn me at the stake.

However, I am sure that Fazal Mahmood in his younger days, with his icy blue eyes and unruly locks over his forehead, was better looking than Imran.

The latter has had television to his advantage, better picture coverage in the press, and most certainly the aura he emits wherever he goes. Imran is surely the most well-known face in the cricketing world.

Yet, about twelve years ago, when as a strapping young lad of 16, fresh from the Cathedral school in Lahore, he played a minor game at

Multan against the visiting English Schoolboys team, he was virtually unknown. And he hardly made any impact on the spectators, female section included.

One year later, in 1969-70 he made his first-class debut for Lahore and it may surprise even the students of the game that he was included in the side as an opening batsman, and a medium-pace change bowler who didn't come on till five others had already had a go with the ball.

Unnoticed by the cricket fans, especially by those who only have an eye for the glamorous aspect of the game, Imran progressed by leaps and bounds, in first-class cricket, and for his new school — the famous Aitchison College.

Within no time, he had gained national recognition when he was named as a member of the Pakistan



team for the England tour of 1971 at 18 he was the "baby" of the side.

The trip to the game's Mother Country was a mediocre one for Imran. He did get selected for the first Test match at Edgbaston, but the Test has now come to be known for Zaheer Abbas's epoch-making innings of 274 and Asif Maqsood's sensational 9-wicket haul which almost brought victory to Pakistan.

Imran scored just five runs and failed to take a single wicket in the two innings. He was dropped for the rest of the Test series.

By the time tour ended, Imran Khan had decided to stay on in England to pursue higher studies and a professional cricketing career.

He enrolled at the Royal Worcester Grammar School, and Worcestershire were too happy to have him on their county cricket team's staff. And from the next summer onwards his career started looking up.

Though Imran is known the world over for his fast bowling exploits he still rates himself a better batsman than a bowler.

He remembers that as an arrogant 16-year-old when he went off to the Under-19 trials, he got the first rude shock of his life. The selectors gave him batting precisely two minutes of their time and then exiled him to field with the discards.

After having got extremely bored with two hours of fielding, he was granted permission to bowl, and he was genuinely disappointed when he got selected as a bowler.

Since that day, the Pakistani selectors, captains, team members and public have always rated his bowling better than his batting — much to his disappointment.

In Imran's own words: "...the '71 tour for me turned out to be a total disaster. I found the English conditions so alien that I lost what little control over line and length I possessed.

"The result was that 90 per cent of the time neither I nor the batsmen knew where the ball was going to



Imran Khan... for most of his career, he has been free from the worry of injuries and lack of fitness



Imran Khan . . . his services to Pakistan cricket are not yet complete

land. Hence my chief weapon, instead of movement, pace or bounce, was the element of surprise.

"I do not think I can ever forget the bewildered expression on Asif Masood's face when a delivery from me, during the first Test, went straight into his hands at widish leg slip. It was my only poor Test performance that embarrassed me more than it disappointed me.

"At one stage, during the Test, one of the umpires when giving guard to Cowdrey said: 'Right arm over the wicket — anywhere!'

"During the long English winter I experimented with my action and eventually decided to change it — against everyone's advice. My old action was like Jeff Thomson's except he knew where the ball was going and I did not.

"Interestingly though, I noticed that on his first visit to England in 1975 he had a lot of trouble with his bowling. . . .

"Fortunately for me, Oxford provided me an ideal opportunity to try out my new action. Moreover playing with a weak team against relatively superior county teams gave me maximum exposure in both the departments — batting and bowling. . . .

"My first two years at the University gave me immense experience. Something that I had lacked that far. Funnily enough, I was still rated a better bowler by my teammates and county cricketers."

Imran played for the Oxford University from 1973 to 1975 and gained a "Blue" each year. In 1974, he was the University captain.

In the meanwhile, he also kept on playing for Worcestershire. He was lost to Pakistan cricket for that period though he appeared in all the country's three Tests which they

played on their England tour of 1974.

After gaining a Bachelor's Honours degree in Economics and Politics, in 1975, Imran returned home in 1975-76 to play his first domestic cricket season in almost five years.

By the end of the next season, he was an established cricketer and a household word.

Pakistan defeated Australia for the

first time in a Test on the latter's soil, and Imran had the biggest contribution in that elation.

He bagged 12 wickets in the two innings, was proclaimed as one of the best fast bowlers in international cricket, and just failed to surpass the great Faisal's tally of wickets (13) in a Test match for Pakistan.

He, however, set a new Pakistan record in the following series against the West Indies. In the five Tests, he returned a haul of 23 wickets.

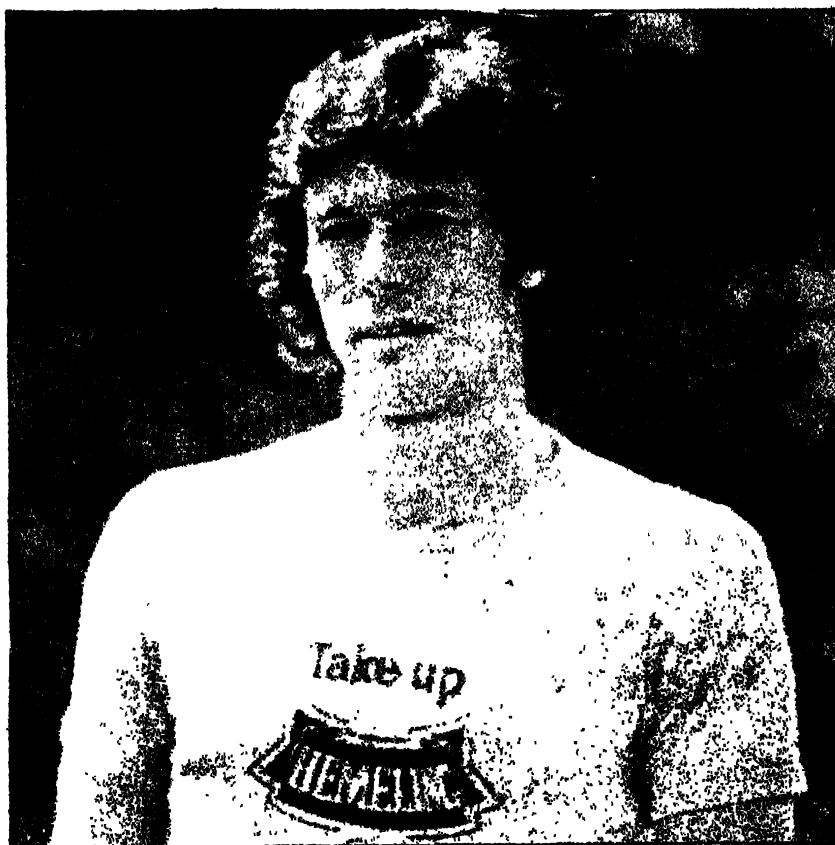
In only 20 Test matches, he now has a tally of 118 wickets. Luckily for most of his career, he had been free from the worry of injuries and lack of fitness.

That famous "pulled muscle" occurred in India recently, but he quickly overcame that handicap to return to the crease, his full fiery self.

His services to Pakistan cricket are not yet complete and with a bit of luck, he can still bowl with the same fire power for at least another five years.

In a decade of first-class cricket, Imran has accumulated just short of 9,000 runs and taken over 700 wickets. Figures any cricketer — with even half of Imran's charisma — would be really proud of.

Courtesy: The Star, Karachi.



Imran Khan . . . surely the best known face in the cricketing world

Imran Khan's 'double'

ON November 24, 1980, Imran Khan playing in his 30th Test, completed 1000 runs in Test cricket when his score had reached 21 during the course of his brilliant innings of 123, his maiden Test century. In the process, he became the second Pakistani all-rounder to complete the 'double' of 1000 runs and 100 wickets in Test cricket.

Since he had already completed his 100 wickets in Test cricket, when he dismissed Syed Kirmani at Madras in the 1979-80 series against India, he joined T. E. Bailey, I. T. Botham, A. W. Greig, R. Illingworth, W. Rhodes, M. W. Tate and F. J. Titmus (all England); R. Benaud, A. K. Davidson, G. Giffen, I. W. Johnson, R. R. Lindwall, K. R. Miller and M. A. Noble (all Australia); T. L. Goddard (South Africa); Kapil Dev and V. M. Mankad (India); G. S. Sobers (West Indies); Intikhab Alam (Pakistan); and R. J. Hadlee (New Zealand), who have performed the 'Double' of scoring

1000 runs and capturing 100 wickets.

Ian Botham holds the world record for the fastest 'Double' in Test cricket. He achieved this landmark in his 21st Test against India at The Oval in 1979.

Gaining his first Test honours against England in 1971 at Birmingham, Imran Khan is a world-class all-rounder, who excels in all departments of the game. He is especially valuable when runs are needed quickly and a favourite with crowds everywhere.

Always a determined performer, the finest bowling performance of Imran's Test career was against Australia at Sydney in 1976-77 when he took 12 wickets for 165 runs. It was he who was instrumental in striking crucial blows which crippled Australia in both the innings and helped Pakistan in gaining their first Test victory on Australian soil.

When Pakistan visited West Indies in 1976-77, Imran bagged 25 wickets for 790 runs at an average of 31.60, thereby becoming the first and only Pakistani bowler to capture 25 wickets in a Test series against any country to date.

Following is the complete Test record of Imran Khan up to the recently concluded Lahore Test against the West Indies :-



Imran Khan... second Pakistani to get the all-rounders' double



Imran being congratulated by teammates after getting rid of Kirmani as his 100th victim in the Madras Test

BATTING & FIELDING

	T	I	N.O.	R	H.S.	Ave.	100	50	CL
vs. Eng. 1971	1	1	—	5	5	5.00	—	—	1
vs. Eng. 1974	3	6	1	92	31	18.40	—	—	2
vs. NZ 1976-77	3	4	1	105	59	35.00	—	1	1
vs. Aus. 1976-77	3	5	—	86	48	17.20	—	—	2
vs. WI 1976-77	5	10	—	215	47	21.50	—	—	2
vs. India 1978-79	3	4	2	104	32	52.00	—	—	—
vs. NZ 1978-79	2	3	1	63	33	31.50	—	—	—
vs. Aus. 1978-79	2	4	—	90	33	22.50	—	—	1
vs. India 1979-80	5	8	1	154	34	22.00	—	—	—
vs. Aus. 1980	2	2	—	65	56	32.50	—	1	—
vs. WI 1980	1	2	—	132	123	66.00	1	—	—
	30	49	6	1111	123	25.83	1	2	9

BOWLING

	Balls	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.	5WI	10WM	Best
vs. Eng. 1971	168	55	—	—	—	—	—
vs. Eng. 1974	672	258	5	51.60	—	—	2-48
vs. NZ 1976-77	908	423	14	30.21	—	—	4-61
vs. Aus. 1976-77	904	519	18	28.83	3	1	6-63
vs. WI 1976-77	1417	790	25	31.60	1	—	6-90
vs. Ind. 1978-79	973	441	14	31.50	—	—	4-54
vs. NZ 1978-79	663	255	10	25.50	1	—	5-106
vs. Aus. 1978-79	752	285	7	40.71	—	—	4-26
vs. Ind. 1979-80	914	365	19	19.21	2	—	5-63
vs. Aus. 1980	336	144	6	24.00	—	—	2-28
vs. WI 1980	96	39	1	39.00	—	—	1-39
	7863	3574	119	30.03	7	1	6-63

— RAJESH KUMAR

1,000 runs without a century

IMRAN KHAN achieved the rare distinction of compiling 1,000 runs in Tests without hitting a hundred when he reached 21 on November 24, 1980, in Pakistan's first innings in the first Test at Lahore against West Indies, thus joining the ranks of 29 others who have performed a similar feat in Test history.

Imran, at the same time, became the 21st player in Test annals to complete the all-rounder's 'Double' of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets in his 30th Test.

On the second day, which incidentally happened to be his 28th birthday, Imran went on to record his maiden Test hundred, thus emulating the feat of New Zealander Richard Hadlee who, earlier this

year in February against West Indies at Christchurch, had combined all 3 records of a thousand without a 'ton', completion of the 'Double' and a maiden Test century in one and the same innings.

Out of the 215 players who have scored 1,000 or more runs in Test cricket (including the two latest entrants Imran Khan and Desmond Haynes) there are 10 who ended their Test career without a hundred in their 1,000-plus run aggregates — Abid Ali, Bannerman, Cameron, Davidson, Johnson, Mackay, Oldfield, Surti, Titmus and Wadsworth.

There are four others who are currently active on the cricket scene — Mike Brearley, Chetan Chauhan, Deryck Murray and Wasim Bari —



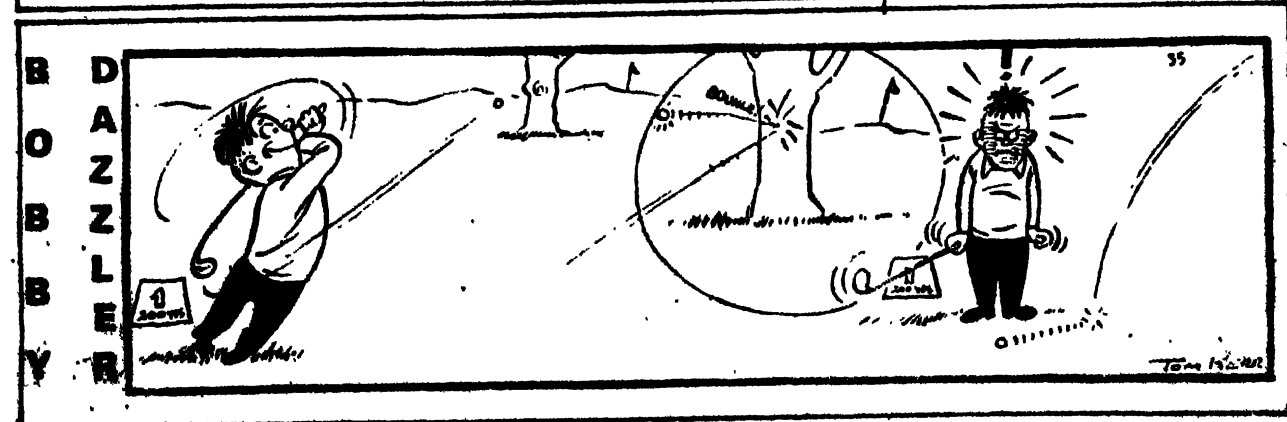
Imran Khan... the 21st player in Test annals to complete the all-rounders 'Double'

though only Chauhan is likely to play in future Tests

The remaining 16 scored at least one Test century after passing the milestone of the first 1,000 runs of their Test career without a three-figure innings. They are: Bob Barber, Anshuman Chakradar, Trevor Goddard, Graham Gooch, Richard Hadlee, Imran Khan, Intikhab Alam, Douglas Jardine, Syed Kirmani, 'Bapu' Nadkarni, 'Dave' Nourse, Vic Pollard, Ian Redpath, Wilfred Rhodes, Bob Simpson and Eknath Solkar.

These 30 players (7 Indians, 7 Australians, 6 Englishmen, 3 Pakistanis, 3 New Zealanders, 3 South Africans and one West Indian) are alphabetically listed alongside.

		Tests	Runs	H.S.	50s
Abid Ali, S.	Ind	29	1018	61	6
Bannerman, A. C.	Aus	28	1108	64	8
Barber, R. W.	Eng	22	1091	97	8
Brearley, J. M.	Eng	35	1301	91	8
Cameron, H. B.	SA	26	1239	90	10
Chauhan, C. P. S.	Ind	34	1896	93	13
Davidson, A. K.	Aus	44	1328	80	5
Gackwad, A. D.	Ind	19	1000	81*	6
Goddard, T. L.	SA	31	1918	95	14
Gooch, G. A.	Eng	21	1027	99	8
Hadlee, R. J.	NZ	28	1000	88*	5
Imran Khan	Pak	30	1000	59	2
Intikhab Alam	Pak	36	1140	68	7
Jardine, D. R.	Eng	19	1000	98	8
Johnson, I. W.	Aus	45	1000	77	6
Kirmani, S. M. H.	Ind	34	1150	88	6
Mackay, K. D.	Aus	37	1507	89	13
Murray, D. L.	WI	62	1983	91	11
Nadkarni, R. G.	Ind	26	1000	78*	6
Nourse, A. W.	SA	33	1575	93*	10
Oldfield, W. A.	Aus	54	1427	65*	4
Pollard, V.	NZ	30	1000	81*	6
Redpath, I. R.	Aus	27	1491	97	10
Rhodes, W.	Eng	34	1202	77	8
Simpson, R. B.	Aus	29	1653	52	15
Solkar, E. D.	Ind	25	1000	77*	7
Surti, R. F.	Ind	26	1263	99	9
Titmus, F. J.	Eng	53	1449	84*	10
Wadsworth, K. I.	NZ	33	1010	80	5
Wasim Bari	Pak	56	1035	85	5



Raja, regal strokemaker

JOHN ARLOTT is on record as having, in 1974, that: "If England had a player half as talented as Wasim Raja, he would have no problem getting into the side about to tour Australia."

Arlott is one man who obviously knows his cricket better than most. With an entire lifetime devoted to this game, he is above making laudatory statements without sufficient cause.

And what should be remembered is that in that season the Englishmen had witnessed some exhilarating batting from the Pakistanis; Zaheer's epochal 240, a gem of an innings by Majid in the one-day international and attractive displays from Asif, Mushtaq and Sadiq.

But when all the super-cards from Pakistan were floundering at Lords (they were 140 runs behind and 77-3 in the second innings), it was the highly under-rated Wasim who came to their rescue with a valiant half century and in the companionship of Mushtaq saved the day for Pakistan.

In a topsy turvy career, Raja has played many such knocks. In fact in the two best series he has had (against West Indies in 1976-77 and in the last series against India) Raja has frequently arrived at the crease with the Pakistani innings tottering on its hinges, and has proceeded to resurrect the crumbling edifice with some brilliant batsmanship.

For Wasim Hasan Raja is indeed a brilliant strokemaker and it is paradoxical how he has had to fight to retain his place in the Pakistan team.

Debut

He made his Test debut in 1972-73 against New Zealand, scoring 10 and 41. Thereafter he has been in and out of the Pakistani side, despite putting up some outstanding performances. Apparently he was not the blue-eyed boy of the selectors across the border.

How else does one explain his absence from the team that played India in 1978-79, keeping in mind the fact that he was the highest run-getter for Pakistan in the West Indies in 1976, where he emerged the most successful and scintillating batsman on either side.

His performance at Bridgetown was superlative. He scored 117 not out in the first innings and in the second outing top-scored again with 71, adding 133 for the last wicket



Wasim Raja... has frequently resurrected the Pakistani innings

with Wasim Bari — a Pakistan record.

Again, during the World Cup in 1979, he was surprisingly omitted for the all important semi-final against West Indies, though he had made quite a few runs against Australia and England.

Eventually, when the flow of runs became a trickle after the departure of Zaheer and Majid, Raja's absence was sorely felt.

The Indian tour has hopefully altered this inconsistent treatment of this gifted left-hander by his national selectors. Where all the superstars toiled and groped to find their bearings, Raja batted with enviable freedom and abandon.

For the first time Indian spectators here witnessed the flamboyant and dashing spirit of Raja, who batted throughout the series with regal command. And lest it be overlooked, the majority of his innings were played under duress.

Indeed it was bewildering why he was not promoted in the batting order, since he was in such dazzling

form, to guide the Pakistani innings to a modicum of respectability.

What ultimately did happen was that Raja was invariably left high and dry at the crease warding off the Indian bowlers in the company of the tail-enders.

At 28 Raja is probably at the peak of his batting prowess. A delightful strokemaker, Raja's batting is as intoxicating as heady wine. He is a fearless striker of the ball excelling in the cut, hook and the lofted drive.

Risky strokes all undoubtedly, but then for Raja cricket is a battle between bat and ball, and the batsman's superiority can only be asserted in an aggressive, forthright and challenging manner. Statistics and personal records are so much balderdash for a man of Raja's outlook on the game.

Considering this, he has not done too badly in scoring over 1800 runs at an average of about 40; respectable figures for any batsman.

— AYAZ MEMON

The rare genius of Victor Trumper

I READ somewhere that whilst all Aussie cricket enthusiasts revere Don Bradman, they love Victor Trumper and cherish his memory with possessive pride and a quite unequivocal assertion: "Than whom There Was None Greater."

Don Bradman elevated — or reduced, if you like — batsmanship to an exact science. He was a run-getting machine, triggering off a cascade of coldly calculated figures with computerised precision — the wonder of the technological age.

He was like a man-made aeroplane compared to the natural, effortless flight of a bird, something compounded of timeless grace — which Trumper was.

It is doubtful if there has ever been a greater batsman than Trumper, especially on the atrociously bad wickets — mere mud-piles and glue-pots — on which he carved out like miniature masterpieces, most of his memorable innings in Australia, England and South Africa — full of grace, ease, style and power, and a quickness of movement that can surely never be surpassed. As C. B. Fry said: "He had no style, but he was all style."

This same Charles Fry, an embodiment of typical English chivalry, paid Victor Trumper the ultimate tribute. After Plum Warner's victorious England team of 1903-04 returned home with 'the Ashes' won Down Under 3-2, they were felicitated at the Lord Mayor's banquet in London.

Greatest

Charles Fry, in an inspired moment, got up to propose a toast: "Gentlemen, charge your glasses, I pray. I give you the toast of the world's greatest batsman. Let's drink to Victor Trumper — first man in, last man out, on a bad pitch, and against Hirst and Rhodes."

He was referring to the Second Test at Melbourne when Victor Trumper, opening the Australian innings, scored 74 in a total of 122, in which only two other players reached double figures (10 and 18). Four of Australia's finest batsmen of the day Monty Noble, Clem Hill, Syd Gregory and Warwick Armstrong made 7 runs between them.

The pitch, by modern standards, was an absolute horror. A typical Melbourne 'sticky', fully exploited by the two Yorkshiremen, Wilfred Rhodes and George Hirst. Yet, Trumper played them with mastery and command, making it look all too easy.

It was said that Trumper could

play six different strokes to each identical ball in an over. His repertoire of strokes was wide-ranging, his footwork quick, graceful, effortless. There's a famous photograph of Trumper jumping yards down the wicket to drive, the bat held aloft.

One would think he would be out stumped unpleased times playing like this. Yet it is a wonder that he was out stumped only once in 89 innings of his 48 Tests.

With a graceful swing of the bat, he could drive an extraordinary distance. His timing was perfect, his

cutting and glancing deflections performed by wrists of rare flexibility.

And, to put the seal of his unique batting technique, he disdained playing himself in, and was always wanting to hit the first ball for a four.

(Shades of Vivian Richards!) As C. B. Fry said: "He played a defensive stroke as a last resort."

A. C. MacLaren, one of cricket's all-time greats, summed up the rare genius of Victor Trumper like this: "I was supposed to be a batsman in the Grand Manner. Compared to Victor, I was as a cab-horse to a Derby winner."



Victor Trumper... 'he had no style, but he was all style'

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Return to the world of 'Dusty'

MILLER had looked forward to the 1948 tour. It marked his return to the world of Dusty, the world of his old Air Force friends who would supply him with hoarded chewing gum, provide tips for horses and dogs, and expect tickets for matches.

But he was no longer a completely free agent. He was now on official business, which began on the high seas signing autographs in readiness for the tour and continued with a series of set functions, though he did manage to get time off and attend race meetings in Paris.

England presented familiar problems: the war scars were still there and rationing was very much in force. In the Australian opening match at Worcester a spectator remarked, as he saw the groundsman sprinkling sawdust in order to cover the bowlers' wet run-ups, 'Ere, go easy with you sawdust. Why, you man is wasting full month's ration of ruddy sausage meat.'

The serious business of cricket began appropriately with wind and rain at Worcester. Miller came in ninth, with the Australians comfortably ahead, and made 50 not out, hitting three sixes.

In the next match at Leicester, when the first Australian batsman was out, necks craned to observe Bradman's arrival at the wicket. Hundreds of girls, men and women raced to the pavilion gate and cameras were cocked ready to click.

But it was Miller who emerged, bowed in mock appreciation and the crowds scattered with a disappointed 'Oh'. Their disappointment did not last long.

Conversion

On a cold, Arctic day, he soon involved the crowds. One of his hits bounced into the crowd and sent a youth to the local hospital for the weekend, while another youth suffered a more significant conversion: Peter Smith had gone to the match proud of his off-spinning virtues, 'possibly county standard'.

He watched the innings in a mixture of incredulity and fascination: this was personal fantasy come true. He left convinced of Miller's greatness, and was to spend hours trying to imitate his hero.

He forgot off-spinning and concentrated on quick bowling and batting like Miller. He soon realised that he did not have his model's skills and decided to become a writer.

The innings revealed Miller's strategic sense and the range and mas-

tery of his strokes. While he made 202 not out, only two other batsmen made over 30 — Barnes 78 and Bradman 81.

On an easy Leicester wicket, as the early batsmen fell to the spin

If ever a single situation could be said to epitomise the man, then this was it. Runs were there to be had, the Australians were to score another 357, but the idea had no appeal for him.



Compton misjudges a hook against a Miller bouncer and falls on his stumps

of their fellow Australians, Jackson and Walsh, he was stern; with Bradman he was experimental; and finally, when the tail required protection, he was mature and responsible.

The next match against Yorkshire — the closest the Australians came to being beaten — saw him in a different role. On a drying wicket he switched to medium pace off-spinners and took six for 42 and three for 49 and with Johnston won a very low scoring match. His 34 was the highest and most assured innings and included two sixes.

Then came the match against Essex. It remains a unique moment in modern cricket. The Australians won the toss and made 721 runs in a day, the highest ever made in a single day's play.

Bradman, Siggers, Loxton and Brown all made centuries — the distinguishing feature being their rate of progress which varied from just under a run a minute to a run in a minute and a half.

Miller came in to bat when the score was 364 for 2; he took guard perfunctorily and to the very first ball that was bowled to him he lifted his bat, flung his hair back and was walking towards the pavilion even before the balls hit the ground.

As he walked towards the pavilion Bradman, the non-striker, whose instincts must have been outraged by the gesture, said to Trevor Bailey the bowler, 'He'll learn'. Miller as we shall see, didn't.

Nor did he regain his batting zest. Challenges were fast disappearing and there were increasing bowling demands made on him. On only two further occasions were the Australians in danger of defeat: Miller made decisive runs in both of them.

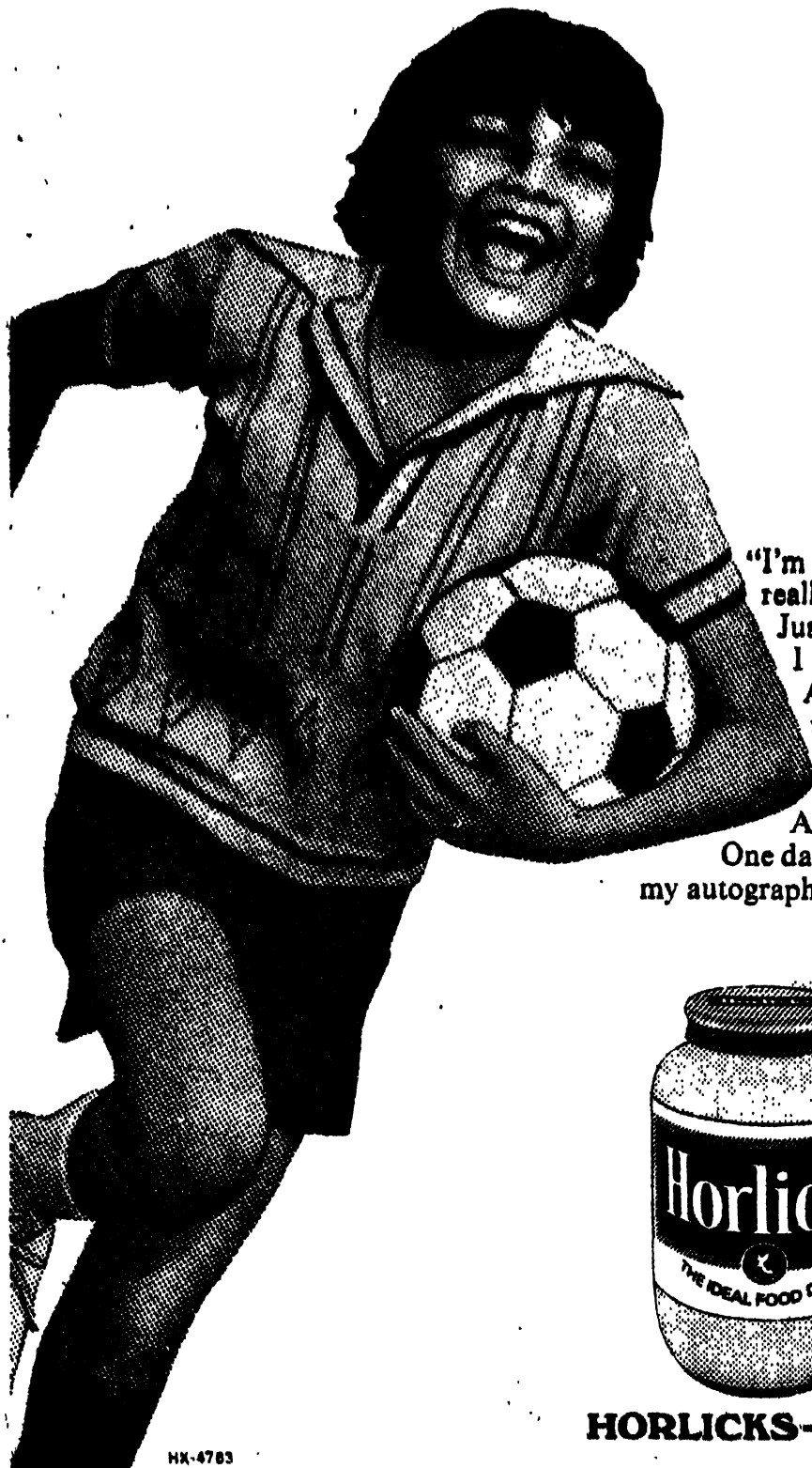
Against Hampshire, the only county to head the Australians on the first innings and on a difficult Southampton wicket, he made 39 out of 117, hitting Knott, the most successful Hampshire bowler, for three sixes. Then in the second innings he took five for 25 in twelve overs, effectively deciding the match.

And, of course, he could not resist Lord's MCC v. the Australians, in those days it was a curtain-raiser for the Tests with the best of the English batting ranged against the probable Australian Test side.

Miller made 163, going from 91 to 100 in three successive balls and hitting three sixes — one of them was, to quote Cardus, 'one great blow square from the shoulders to

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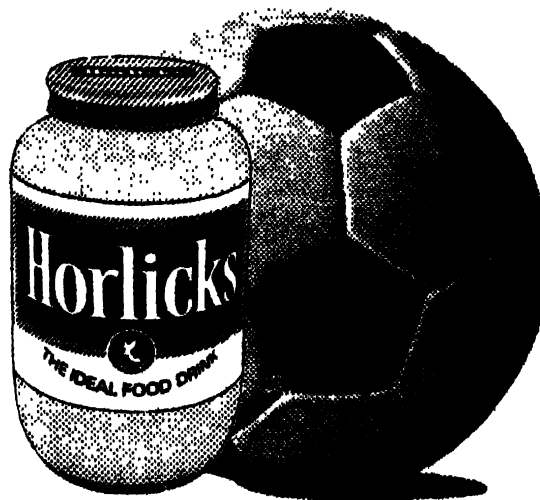
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This, his sixth innings of the tour, was to be his last three figure innings, and his aggregate of 449 nearly half his eventual total for the tour. He did not reach his 1,000 till August and when his team-mates cheered he shaped up for the next ball with an inverted bat.

The balance between batting and bowling, already disturbed in favour of bowling — at the end of the MCC match he had bowled 119 overs, 42 more than Lindwall — was to be completely compromised during the First Test. The stage was set for the bowler.

In English cricket memory the summer of 1948 will always have a special, horrifying appeal. It will be remembered as the summer Lindwall and Miller devastated the English batting, taking 40 of the 91 English wickets taken by Australia in the Tests.

This was the season they entered the ranks of the immortals and set standards which would always be the ones to beat. If they had never bowled again, memories alone would have secured them a prominent place in history.

Yet as a pair they were to be really devastating in only one Test, the final one at the Oval; injury and circumstances conspired to limit them.

Private war

In the First Test Lindwall injured his groin after thirteen overs and did not bowl again; Miller did not bowl in the Second and the first innings of the Third; the second innings of the Third, curtailed by rain, developed into a private war between Miller — Lindwall and Edrich — Washbrook; and the Fourth was played on a wicket that progressively aided spin.

It remains a matter of conjecture as to what they might have achieved had they bowled more consistently throughout the summer.

Lindwall easily dominated the partnership. He took twenty-seven wickets at a cost of 19 each and twice took five wickets in an innings effectively deciding the match.

Miller took thirteen wickets at a cost of 23 each and his major individual contribution came in the First Test where in the rain of Nottingham and on a wicket not particularly biased towards pace he proved himself to be a match-winning bowler in his own right.

Statistically Bill Johnston was Miller's superior in that match; he took nine for 183 runs while Miller took seven for 163. Yet Miller's wickets comprised Hutton, Laker and Compton (twice each) and Wash-

brook (once). Laker apart (and he was the highest scorer in the first innings), these were batsmen who could decide a match.

It was Miller's duels with Compton that produced some of the most memorable cricket of the summer, what Cardus has called 'a match within a match', two of the most evocative cricketers of their age, or any age ranged against one another.



Miller appears to be pre-dating Tony Greig by some twenty years by pointing to the pavilion

These duels belong to the great romantic legends of the game. They seemed to embody the hopes and frustrations of an entire generation, these clashes between players of the highest possible class that totally involved the crowd yet served to enhance their own personal friendship. This was only right; their wider public appeal coincided.

They were both all-round sportsmen of distinction, both able to amuse a crowd as well as enrage it, both forceful extroverts who could win matches with a single, decisive intervention — or fail gloriously and both men's men, though the nature of their sexual appeal probably differed.

Miller's was more primitive, and his tanned figure satisfied every English myth of the Australian male; Compton's was more comforting, and mothers of unmarried daughters must have felt a bit like Jane Austen's Mrs Bingley.

Some twenty years later, in Melbourne, a lady came up to E. W. Swanton and said, 'My word, Mr. Compton, but you have put on weight since your playing days.'

Compton was genuinely amused when he heard the story.

In an age when international cricketers did not socialise to the extent they do now (that at least is Trevor Bailey's firm conviction: 'After all you would expect, say, Keith Boyce to know Keith Fletcher fairly well, they play in the same team for six months of the year!') the Miller-Compton friendship was widely advertised.

Miller's third son is named Denis and Miller was the natural leader of the group that formed round him and Compton: Edrich, Lindwall and Evan. On and off the field they defined a life-style that immediately reduced their contemporaries to the ranks of the *hoi polloi*.

On the field in the middle of the most unrelenting battle there would be humour and a natural, easy give and take. The 1950-51 series was to produce some fairly unexciting cricket. It was during one such spell in one of the Melbourne Tests that Evans reached 49.

The crowd was dozing peacefully in the sun and Miller had been bowling for some time without effect.

Suddenly he produced a bouncer. It was high, wasteful, innocuous. Evans waved an airy bat at it, the crowd roared, and, Miller was stimulated.

He shouted, 'Give me that bloody ball', marched towards the bowling mark, stopped after a few yards, abruptly wheeled round and produced in quick and identical succession (Evans recalls) 'two of the most

beautiful bouncers I have ever faced. I could do nothing.' At the end of the over he reassured Evans, 'Sorry, Godfrey, had to liven things up.'

The group never carried their battles into the dressing room. At Old Trafford in the Third Test of the 1948 series a Lindwall bouncer hit Compton on the forehead. He was led away bleeding and came back to make 145 not out — one of his greatest innings ever. Rain often held up play during this Test and Godfrey Evans recalls one such occasion.

'We were playing poker and a pile of money had gathered, about £30 or £40. Suddenly the umpires went out. Keith said, 'whoever has an ace wins', dealt the cards, held up an ace, grabbed the money and walked onto the field. And almost immediately he bowled some terrific bumpers at Bill.'

It is a life-style that does not appear to have survived their departure. A few years ago Compton went to the Middlesex dressing room. Middlesex, after a bad run, had just chalked up a win and Compton suggested a celebratory drink. He was genuinely surprised at the orders; even beer was excluded. 'Why one chap even ordered a glass of milk.'

But the Miller-Compton similarities should not be exaggerated. Technically, Miller was the classicist, Compton the great improviser. Compton's sweep, played at times from outside the off-stump, became one of those inimitable strokes that in memory will always be associated with his play.

Miller made no such innovatory contribution. Also Compton was, and this appears even more so in retrospect, a heroic, lonely figure: Horatius defending the bridge.

For much of his playing career, Compton played in struggling English sides, and throughout 1948 he waged a lonely battle against the Australians. Miller for the most part played in strong Australian sides. His contributions were important, but they were not exclusive.

Duels

Their duels dominated international cricket for ten years but the First Test at Nottingham in 1948 epitomised these contests. It also provoked one of the most substantial crowd reactions of Miller's career.

On the first day he had been politely booed for bowling bouncers at Compton. On the third day, a Saturday, the reaction was more pronounced. At that stage England could only hope to save the match. The Australian advantage was overwhelming: 509 to England's 165 and 39 for two with the major Eng-

lish pair, Hutton and Compton together.

Miller began by bowling off-breaks. Compton hit him for four. Miller's reaction was immediate — he bowled a bouncer. This was his way of indicating, as Fingleton says, 'that his dander was up.'

Right through his career he would react thus: clap his hands, demand the ball and bowl a bouncer. And though the wicket was placid a Miller bouncer commanded respect, induced hasty and erroneous judgements.

It also conjured up for the Nottingham crowd a powerful memory: Harold Larwood. Trent Bridge in 1948 vividly remembered Larwood, the history of the body line con-



Keith Miller... put all he had in everything he did

troversy and the effect it had on his career — premature retirement.

So in addition to national distress caused by England's performance, local wounds were re-opened by Miller's bouncers. At the beginning he was able to appease the crowd, tossing his hair back, laughingly indicating what he would do with a bouncer.

But as the bouncers continued his every gesture was suspect: fielding to his own bowling and then running round and delivering the next ball in one continuous movement enraged rather than amused.

The explosion came in the last over of the day. He bowled three bouncers at Hutton (making five in eight balls), one of which struck him on the arm. As the Australian players came off an angry crowd pressed towards the pavilion; there were angry members inside Miller was the last one in.

There was suspicion about the crowd's ultimate intentions and suspense about his reactions. As he was about to enter the pavilion, a particularly loud member caught his eye. He was small, squat, neatly dressed and Miller lifted him and shook him, smiling all the time.

The man, rattled, blurted innoc-

ence. 'It wasn't me, Mr. Miller. I didn't say anything.'

Miller laughed, put his man down and peace returned to Trent Bridge. Sir Douglas McGrath, Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Committee apologised to Bradman and on Monday the Nottingham Secretary broadcast a public appeal. Off the field there was peace, on the field the duels were resumed.

Overbalanced

Miller soon bowled Hutton but Compton batted on into the fifth day before another bouncer dealt with him. He tried a hook decided to withdraw when already committed and with the ball near his head overbalanced and fell onto his stumps.

Once again he had made the decisive breakthrough. Compton's innings of 184, commonly considered one of his finest ever, had provided hope and nearly produced security for England.

Compton was sixth out at ten minutes to one: at twenty minutes past two England were all out and Australia easily made the 98 required for victory.

But the price was heavy. Miller had bowled 63 overs — 44 of them in the second innings — and he began complaining of a stitch-like pain in his left side.

The Australians played two matches before the second Test at Lord's and he played a very minor role in one of them. By the time the second Test arrived his pain was acute, and there was to be a far-reaching sequel.

Australia won the toss and made a very laboured 350, Miller making 4 before falling to Bedser. England began their replay before lunch on the second day.

Lindwall bowled the first over, then as Miller was about to take his place in the slips Bradman tossed the ball to him. Miller tossed it back. To the observers, and it was a packed Lord's with gates closed before the start of play, it was a sensation.

Soon stories were circulating of how Miller the 'prima donna', had refused to bowl for Bradman; how he had 'indulged in histrionics', fielding a ball in Lindwall's first over and then clutching his back and complaining, 'Oh, my back.' His explanation, as recorded by Bill Edrich, was simple:

'In the dressing room, just before going on to the ground that morning, I had told Bradman I was not fit enough to bowl. He agreed with me and said he would ask Bill Johnston to open the bowling. I was astonished when he threw 'he ball at me.'

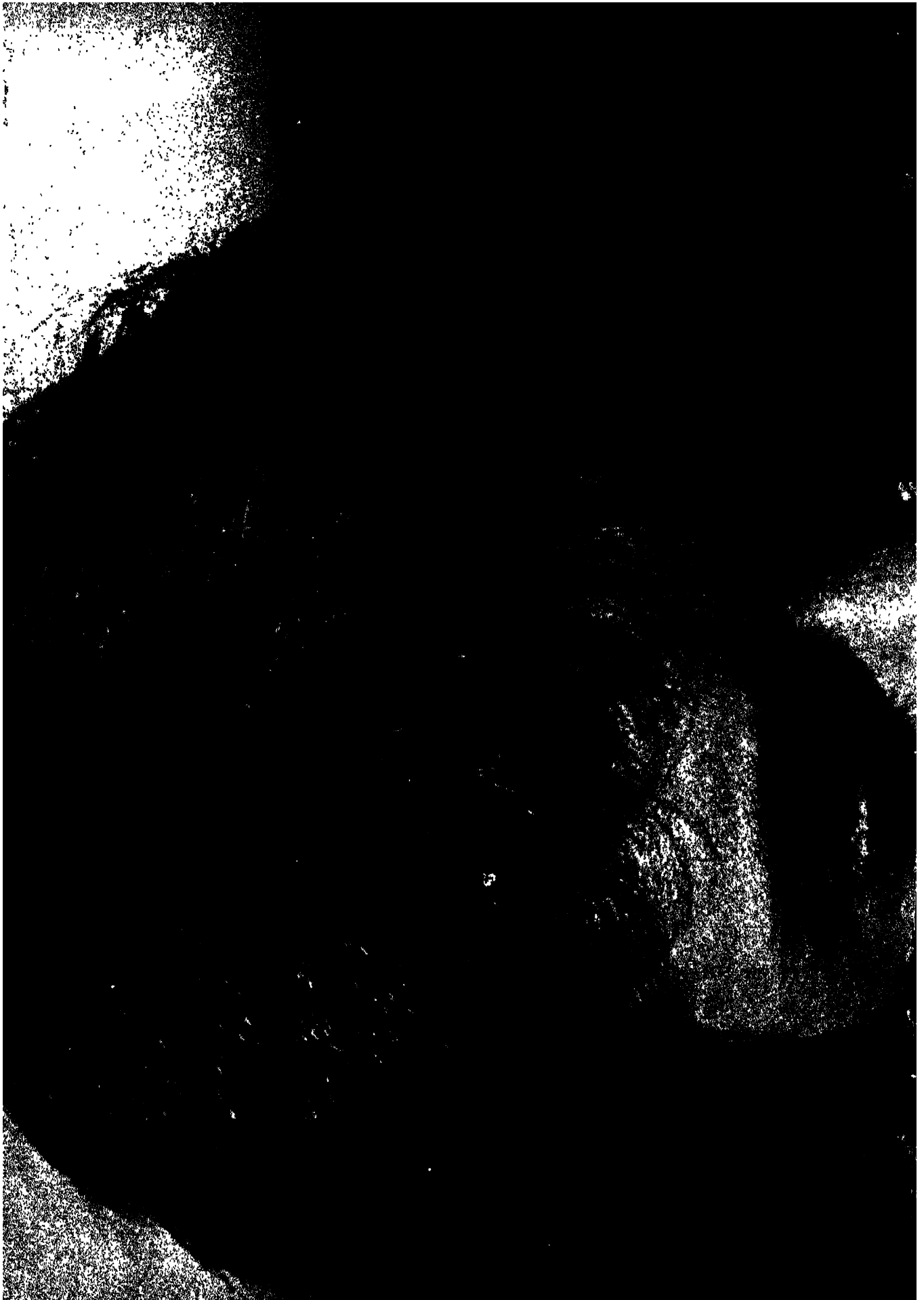
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A topflight custodian

IN the mid-fifties, some years before the liberation of Goa, came a team to play an exhibition match in Bombay. It was made up of Goans and Portuguese and one of the most impressive of that team was their goalkeeper, Correia, apparently a Portuguese. His flexibility, quick reflexes and bumps and leaps to the ball were spectacular.

Since then teams from Goa have played regularly in Bombay and in other parts of the country, though it was only in 1984 or 1985 that Goa made their debut in the National Championship. Salgaocar Sports Club were among the first of the front-rank Goan clubs to venture out of the union territory. Their football, however, was still not as polished as it has been in the last decade. Individual artistry overshadowed teamwork, with a gifted player like Vasco's Andrew D'Souza being the outstanding example.

The contact with teams from other parts of the country and of players and coaches who signed on to play for the Goa clubs hastened the fusion of the enthusiasm of the Goans with the subtlety of others to produce the very admirable traits that mark their football today.

Strangely, however, Goa did not produce a goalkeeper to compare with Correia or with the "imports" Avinder Singh, Sudhir, Sampath and Thangaraj till Brahmanand Sancoalkar burst on the scene as a teenager with the nursery of football in Goa, Panvel Sports Club.

He joined the club when he was barely fifteen. That was not a surprise though, as he was one of a family of seven footballing brothers, and the club's president was then father, Mr Sagoon Sancoalkar, who later was president of the Goa Football Association for some time.

Jewel

Brahmanand's immediate elder brother, Ramesh, played for the second string of Panvel, while another elder brother, Vallabh, was the centre-forward of the club, and the eldest of the brothers, Guru, was a centre-back with Academica. But few foresaw that this extremely polite, soft-spoken, well-behaved youngster would become the jewel of this footballing family.

One who did, and very, very early at that, was Dr Remegio Pinto, whose early interests were in the organisation of bull fights. The good doctor's eye for spotting a gem in the raw made him pick up Brahmanand for his club, Academica,



The leap into the air, body flung forward, the trunk twisted, legs thrown back and hands stretched forward to grab the ball . . .

Brahmanand dazzles in the art of goalkeeping

named after a famous side in Portugal.

Dr Pinto guided Brahmanand's first steps in the game. He quietly but surely instilled in the youngster a deep love for the game. He made available to Brahmanand his album of photographs of the top European players to create in him a desire to emulate them as well as to learn from the pictures whatever he could of the finer points of the game, especially of the art of goalkeeping.

The man behind Academica also helped him with exercises and training methods to slowly gain his present height of six feet one inch, a height that is accentuated somewhat by his lean frame and mere 59 kgs of weight.

It was with Panvel that Brahmanand started attracting attention. He was fortunate to have as coach the painstaking gentleman, Joao de Melo, who had played as a half-back for Salgaocar, Vasco, Dempo and Sesa Goa before joining Panvel as a player in 1968 and turning to coaching from 1970.

Joao noticed that Brahmanand was not quick enough and directed much of the training to set that right. He had Brahmanand do a lot of skipping and sprinting to improve his speed of movement and reflexes. Joao did not neglect skill training and often had the youngster practice alone.

Brahmanand acknowledges his debt to Joao and the coach also felt

a quiet sense of satisfaction when his young team, including Brahmanand, finished third in the Goa Senior League and won the Bandodkar Cup in 1973-74.

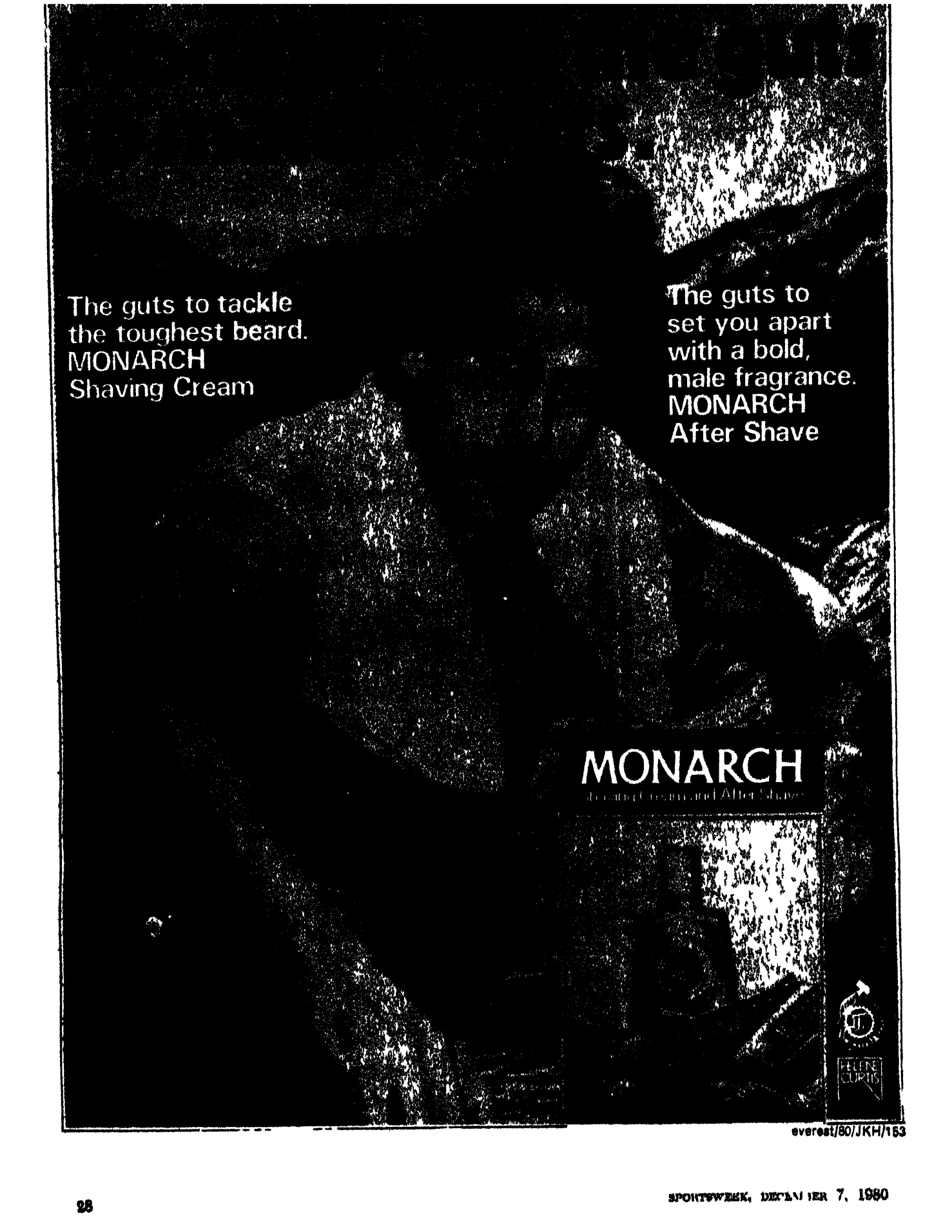
Brahmanand may have made his debut in the National on home ground as one of the youngest. He was but 17 when invited to the camp in 1972, but examinations made him decline. He did make the team for the next National at Ernakulam, but as deputy to Dempo's international, Sampath, who played all the games.

Meanwhile the lanky youngster kept practising assiduously under the eyes of Joao de Melo, besides strengthening himself, especially his hands and grip through exercise with a flexing instrument.

He avoided weight-lifting so as not to lose his flexibility. The benefits were apparent most clearly in 1974 in the Bandodkar Cup matches against LRDE, (Electronics Research and Development Establishment) of Bangalore and Orkut, both of which were tough games, and often in the League.

It was also clear by now that Panvel will lose him to a bigger club, as the several other youngsters they had spotted and nurtured. Apart from some clubs from outside Goa, including Calcutta and Bombay, all the four big teams of Goa were eager to acquire his services.

Brahmanand opted to join Salgaocar, a decision influenced perhaps



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by Joao de Melo also joining them. He served his new club well enough to take them to the final of the Tamil Nadu Football Association Shield, baulking Integral Coach Factory in the quarter-final and Andhra F. A. in the semi-final before going down to Bangalore's Indian Telephone Industries by a solitary goal in the final.

By now Brahmanand had arrived as a topflight custodian and expectedly was Goa's first goalkeeper in the Jullundur Nationals, in which Punjab overran Bengal and Inder Singh established the individual scoring record of 23 goals. The only team that the all-conquering Punjab could not subdue were Goa, who held them goalless.

It was largely Brahmanand who denied Punjab victory. Twice he brought off brilliant saves from Inder, in the first half diving at his feet to pluck the ball away before the Asian All-star could convert Prem Singh's pass and in the second keeping out a hard drive of Inder, after a penetrating wall-passing move with international Manjit Singh.

Brahmanand also was in fine form against Rajasthan, showing an exceptional superb sense of positioning and covering of angles to thwart India skipper Magan Singh, besides keeping out a low, goalbound volley of Megh Singh.

Brahmanand said it was the team's coach, Olympian goalkeeper Peter Thangaraj, who inspired confidence in him with tips about what to watch out for against the opposition and particular players. Brahmanand has been a regular in the Goa team since that National, and only illness prevented his playing a National final and perhaps helping Goa beat Bengal.

Revenge

That was at Srinagar in 1978. Goa and Brahmanand gained some sort of a revenge in the second leg, semi-final at Coimbatore last December, though they lost on the tie-breaker as they had in the 1972 National at Vasco, Goa.

The performances in the Jullundur National brought Brahmanand into the reckoning for the Indian team. He was chosen first for the Asian Youth at Kuwait in 1975 and again the next year for the same event at Bangkok.

He has been a fair fixture in the senior India side from 1976 and has played in the Jaisan Celebrations tournament in Kabul, the Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur, the President's Cup in Seoul, the King's Cup in Bangkok, the goodwill visits to Zambia, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain and the pre-Olympic tournament in Singapore, to be perhaps Goa's most capped international.

— SHARP SHOOTER



He frustrates the efforts of the best in the country . . . Brahmanand gets his fingertips to the ball in the Rovers Cup match against Mohammedan Sporting. PICS: M. M. SHIRODKAR

FORMER president of the Tamil Nadu Football Association, N. Vittal, clarified to this correspondent during the seminar for referees under Kurt Goerdten, the West German member of the Federation Internationale de Football Association's panel of speakers and lecturers for referees' courses that he had meant well when suggesting that the state government take over control of the gates for the fifth Federation Cup and Sub-Junior National Championships to be held in Madras in April next.

Vittal, who is a vice-president of the All-India Football Federation and chairman of the AIFF Referees Board, said that if an association could seek financial assistance from the government and also pay the government for certain amenities, there is no reason why the association should not involve the government more and more in the conduct of the tournaments.

One of the best ways of getting this involvement of the state government, especially when the tournaments are held on government-owned grounds and stadia, is to make them responsible for the printing, sale and control of tickets.

This is nothing novel. For the Indian Football Association (West Bengal) leave these tasks to the West Bengal government, who also have to ensure that the safety regulations for spectators and players are observed.

Vittal disclosed that for the last Vittal Trophy, printing and sale of tickets, that is the wages of the staff for it, the outlay came to Rs. 17,000.

Besides, the manpower deputed for this task could be used for discharging administrative and technical functions. It would also free the organisers from the botheration of checking gate-crashers.

The principal advantage, Vittal said, would be the thrusting on the state government the onus of providing better facilities, like floodlights for the coming Federation Cup. Though Madras in April, according to Vittal, would not be as hot as Calcutta and the sunset will be around 6.40 p.m., it would still be better to have floodlights so that the matches could start when it is cooler.

Vittal also asserted that the stepping down of C. R. Vishwanathan as honorary secretary and of himself as president of the TNFA does not mean that the state association will be denied their guidance in the conduct of football affairs in the state and of the Federation Cup and Sub-Junior National championships in particular.

Both continue to be members of the executive committee. Besides, the Madras Football Association, the district unit of the state association who will be the organisers, has experienced office-bearers.

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Mob violence at Cooperage

WHAT some people had feared came to pass at the Cooperage football ground on Wednesday, November 26, during the interval of the first leg quarter-final encounter between Mohammedan Sporting and Salgaocar Sports Club.

For the past few years there has been in the minds of some well-meaning people, anxiety about the capacity of the Cooperage to take in as many as 15,000 spectators for a tense match.

On that fateful evening, there were more than the capacity fixed as within safety limits by the police, 14,000, long before the gates were closed and the game commenced.

People who had paid good money and come even as early as 3-30 p.m. an hour before the start, could not get a seat.

Many of them had occupied the Western India Football Association's committee box and the press box. Fortunately, no attempt was made to forcibly evict them. Else there would have been a riot even before the game.

The pressmen, barring three or four, could not get to their stand and were understandably annoyed. But they had the good sense not to precipitate matters by insisting on the box being cleared of unauthorised occupants. They stood by the canteen near the clubhouse and decided to boycott the match.

The pressmen who stayed on found themselves doing a somewhat unfamiliar assignment within an hour of not being able to get to their places of normal work.

The huge mass of people was too much for the rickety stands to bear, and a portion of the North Stand moved and collapsed.

As each of the 15 odd tiers of the stand came down on one another, the unsuspecting spectators were caught with their legs and feet crushed between the planks.

Eye-witnesses claimed that about a hundred fans were trapped and injured. There were several cases of injuries that called for immediate attention, but medical help was a bit

tardy in reaching them.

The first-aid men at the Cooperage performed a herculean task with one of them himself being hit in the cane charge resorted to by the police when some infuriated fans indulged in acts of vandalism.

More than 25 injured were treated by the first-aid men, including one who was hurt badly near his private parts before being removed to hospital. Many of the injured fled, or rather hobbled away, from the scene and went to doctors and hospitals themselves.

The sight of the injured getting scarce attention further angered the spectators. That lit the spark that engulfed the stand adjoining the clubhouse on the west side in flames and razed it to the ground.

This perhaps could have been saved had the fire brigade got to the ground in time. But the officer of the fire brigade told Mayor Baburao Shetve that his vehicle was stoned and the windscreen smashed and it was prevented from hurrying to the



A lone policeman tries to keep at bay angry spectators who tore through into the WIFA committee enclosure. This was only part of the evidence that spoke of the spectators' wrath

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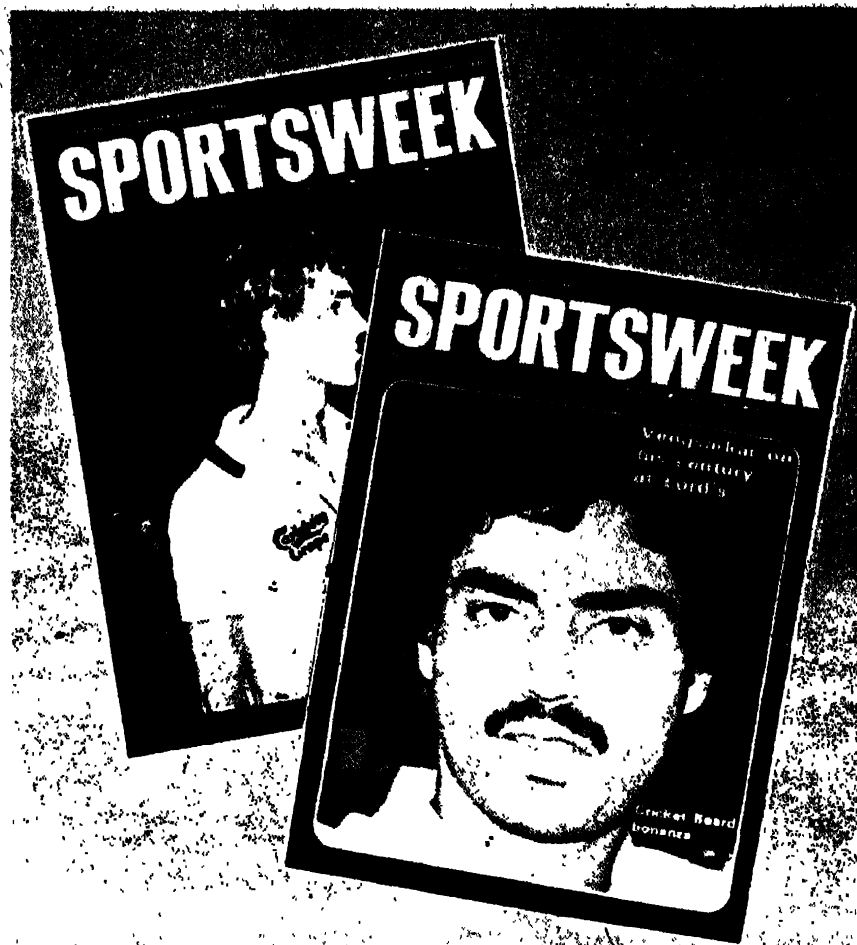
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scene by road blocks put up by fans leaving the ground.

The state reserve police also were called in when it was found that the situation was taking a very ugly turn. And they took up positions on the Maharshi Karve Road on the west side of the ground.

The police also burst five or six rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the crowd. They brought the situation under control in about an hour.

Late that night it was revealed that 38 were injured and 19 of them were in St. George's Hospital and one in the G. T. Hospital. Only two were serious, and one of them was coming towards the Cooperage when he got caught in the disturbances. He was not at the match and had no interest in the game.

The match, as expected, was abandoned with Mohammedan Sporting leading by a goal scored by Shabbir Ali. As the Delhi Cloth Mills Trophy winners had intimated earlier, that they would not be able to field a side from December 1 to 6, this quarter-final has been put off to December 7 and 9 at the new venue, the Brabourne Stadium.

Originally only the semi-finals and the final were to have been played at the Brabourne Stadium. Now with no possibility of the Cooperage being fit for use for this tournament, the remaining quarter-finals also have been switched to Brabourne Stadium.

The WIFA had agreed to pay Rs. 15,000 as rent for six days and Rs. 1,000 as security deposit. After the mishap, the WIFA sought to have the ground for eight more days and the CCI have graciously agreed to the request with a proportionate increase in rent that Rs. 2,500 for each

of the extra days till the end of the tournament. The security deposit, however, has been raised to Rs. 20,000.

In view of the Mohammedans' inability to play before December 6, the dates have been revised to accommodate them, with the final expected to be played on December 13.

The teams have one grouse: they have had no chance to get a feel of the new pitch before the resumption of the tournament. Some of the Calcutta teams' players also may have some leave difficulties.

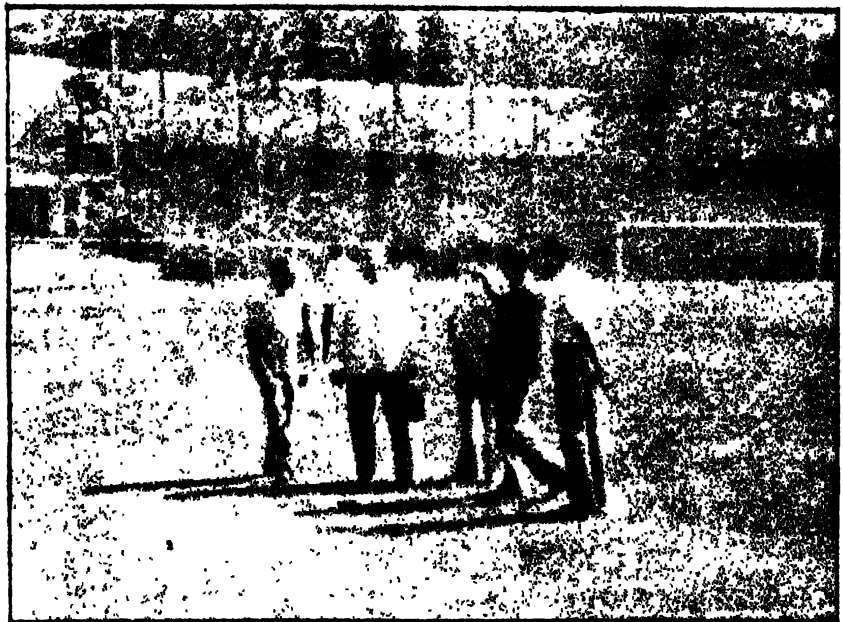
The dates of the Durand for these teams and of Bengal in the National Championship later this month also would have to be adjusted. That is most likely to be done.

Salgaocar, one of the three surviving Goa teams, initially wanted to go back and then come for their December 7 engagement with Mohammedan Sporting. Later they changed their minds, as once the players disperse it would affect their reaching the same condition of preparedness.

Dempe had gone last year when the interval between their matches was unduly long. This time the interval would be long, as they won the only quarter-final to be completed when they defeated Jagatjit Cotton and Textiles Mills, the team they beat in last year's final, 1-0 and 2-0 in the two legs, the second leg being on November 24.

Now they are down to play the winners of Salgaocar and Mohammedan Sporting in the semi-final on December 10, a gap of 18 days. They have not gone back, perhaps fearing that the return to Goa would upset their preparations.

— SHARP SHOOTER



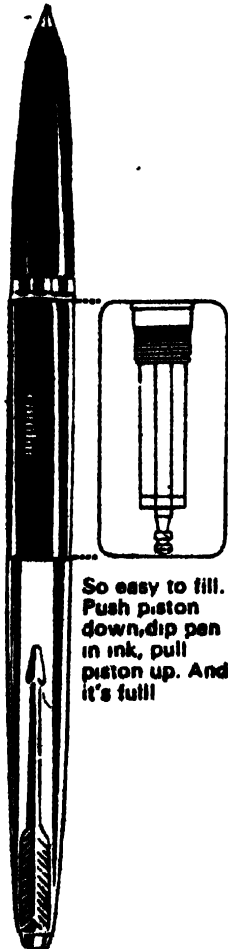
The Brabourne Stadium comes to the rescue of the Rovers Cup. Here Ziauddin (second from left), secretary of the WIFA, discusses eleven-hour details in preparation for the resumption of the Blue Riband of western India soccer.

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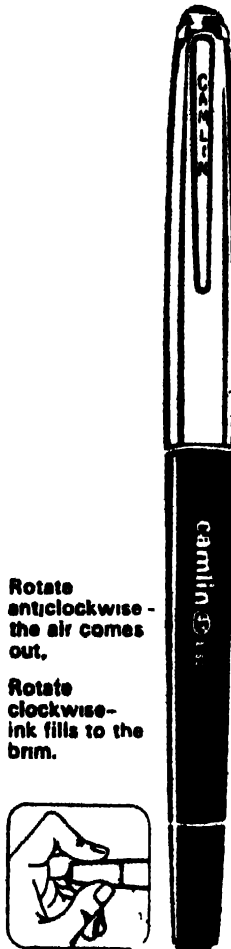
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'Ramesh has grown in confidence'

"YOU HAVE had a long innings of two decades in Indian Tennis. How do you feel to be back on the circuit again after such a gap?"

"It's great to be back on the tennis circuit. Though now it's more for fun. But I still enjoy playing with the younger players. Some of them are improving fast. Secondly, you just can't chuck up tennis in one day. It is in my blood. It'll certainly take time."

"Krish, how do you keep in touch with game? Whom do you practise with?"

"We have a court in the house and then Ramesh keeps on dropping in now and then I play with him. Moreover, the whole family plays tennis. If not Ramesh, then it is my daughter, Gauri or probably some tennis colleague from Madras. So, you see I am not off tennis completely."

"Ramesh was back to Madras for a few days after the Harry Hopman Cup? How has he been shaping lately?"

"He is in excellent condition and has trimmed down a lot. He was training hard with Hopman and hopes to do well. He is currently in

the sixties of the ATP rankings and is putting in his best to improve his ranking, in the coming tournaments."

"Moreover, he has grown in confidence and has the right temperament to succeed. Being a father you may think I am exaggerating. But, frankly speaking, today, I feel he has the will and the ability to rise to a big occasion."

"What makes you feel so?"

"You know, I was there at the Wimbledon last year, and just half-an-hour after Ramesh won the Junior Wimbledon on Court No. 1, I saw him wash his clothes in the washing room."

"He had to fly to United States the next day. He became the only player to win both the Junior Crowns at the French Open and the Wimbledon the same year."

"But here he was all composed. Calm as if nothing had happened. And not only this. One hour later, he slipped into his track suit and was off on the London Streets for a four mile run."

"Ramesh did well this year too, at the Wimbledon. He beat Bill Scanlon (Ranked 24th then) in the first round. But one thought he caved in rather than to Tarozzy. What

do you feel is hampering him from taking him to the top?"

"You see, champions are made of 30% stroke play and 70% mental make-up. This 70% includes temperament, determination, physical fitness and the ability to take both victories and defeats in a sporting manner."

"Neither too thrilled at a good victory nor too sad at a bad loss. And it is here Borg or McEnroe beat the rest. They probably score 65 out of 70 points while the others just around 35 to 40. For at that level, the difference in stroke play is too minor."

"So, Ramesh is probably lacking in the rest 70%. That's the reason he is not on the top. But he is trying his level best. He is putting in a lot of effort."

"Ramesh, we heard, had been offered scholarships from the American Universities. Is he planning to leave?"

"It's true Ramesh has been offered scholarships from many Universities in the States. But you will be surprised he has finally decided to stay in India."

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Professional Prakash

IN September 1979, Indian national badminton champion Prakash Padukone created history by winning the first-ever Friends Provident Masters prize-money open at the Royal Albert Hall, London. For ending up as the best of the eight top players who participated, Prakash got the first prize of £2000 (then, approximately Rs. 84,000).

Had the Indian badminton ace accepted the money, he would have lost his amateur status, and been rendered ineligible to represent India in some major international tournaments, like the Asian Games, which are still barred to professionals.

Rather than risk his amateur standing, Prakash donated the entire prize money to the Badminton Association of India for use as the association thought best, in the interest of the game in the country. It had been a stupendous gesture, and was warmly applauded by one and all.

At the same time, players like Derek Talbot, and Ray Stevens of England, whom he had beaten in 1978 at Edmonton, Canada, to bag the singles gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, had reproached Prakash for what they felt was his foolishness in letting go of such a large sum of money.



Prakash Padukone . . . will be brushing shoulders with some of the world's best badminton talent

The English players had argued that professional badminton was coming to stay; there would be more

and more prize-money tournaments in future; and like in tennis, professionals would ultimately have to be accepted in events hitherto restricted to amateurs.

However, Prakash stuck to his decision . . . for a year. His recent request to the B.A.I. to permit him to turn into a licensed player was acceded to by the newly-elected president of the association, Vidya Charan Shukla. And, as of 1st December, Prakash Padukone will officially join the ranks of the badminton pros. He would have left in November earlier, but a Danish prize-money tourney was cancelled.

India's top player will be out of the country for a full year. He has accepted a contract from the Danish Sports Club, Hvidovre, located in the capital, Copenhagen, for a period of one year. For expenses, he has before him a choice between two sponsors - a Japanese electronics company, and a Japanese sports goods manufacturer.

While making Copenhagen his base, he will be basically moving all round Europe playing the professional circuit, most likely with a team of the top talent in Europe. It is likely that he will also play on the Asian circuit later in 1981.

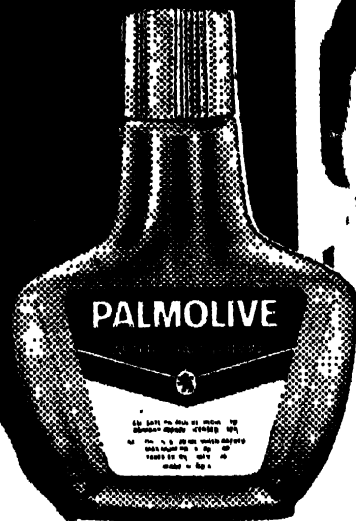
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of interesting questions. Will Prakash be playing the Indian Nationals, scheduled in January 1981? He has won the men's single title of the country for the last nine years running, and, within a month, can get into double figures, as they say in cricket.

If he plays, he will obviously be the odds-on favourite to win the title. There is no one, absolutely no one to challenge his right to the title.

One recalls the finals of the last Nationals at Jamshedpur, when young Syed Modi was thrashed for the loss of just six points in two games! The 19-year-old lad from Gorakhpur also collected a love-game in the process from the smooth, efficient, graceful reigning champion.

Prakash, who had given up doubles two years ago so as to concentrate on singles, also played doubles for a lark, and partnered his Bangalore teammate Kiran Kaushik to lift the doubles crown without much ado. Will he be released from his contract to defend these two crowns?

Prakash, completing his formalities in Delhi, prior to his departure ex-Cuttia for Copenhagen on November 30 was not available for comment. It will be a great pity indeed if his reel of victories is broken by circumstances beyond his control due to the professional contract.

Prakash's fiancée Ujjala Karkal (to whom he will be married after his return in December 1981) was also uncertain as to the Indian champion's exact plans and commitments.

Significance

Prakash recently lost his Masters title to Liem Swie King in London. The only title of major significance that he now holds is the All-England singles crown which he will be called upon to defend in March 1981.

Weeks before the All-England Prakash will also vie to capture the Danish Open and Swedish Open titles for the second year in a row.

It will be recalled that he won the series of three titles last year, in the process beating such badminton luminaries as Liem Swie King, Rudy Hartono, Morten Frost, Hansen (twice), Svend Pri and Hadiyanto.

This is indeed a crucial year for him, for it seems to provide him the best chance he will ever have of proving himself the world's No. 1 player. If he can beat King and Hartono at the All-England in March, he will have erased bitter memories of his defeats in the World Cup in Jakarta in May '80 and in the Masters in September '80.

That he has done the wise thing in accepting the professional contract, few will deny. After all, why should he keep losing precious income from the game, which is not



Prakash Padukone . . . a crucial year ahead

going to come in all his life, and which he can ill-afford to lose?

More important, he will be constantly brushing shoulders with some of the world's best badminton talent in different conditions and courts all over the globe. It will certainly

toughen his mental fibre and hone his game to a fine peak for his final test at Wembley in March 1981.

All the best to you, Prakash! May you keep India's badminton flag flying high!

— SHIRISH NADKARNI

Badminton will be his life

THE Badminton Association of India have already given the green signal and before this appears in print, India's superstar, Prakash Padukone will be off to Copenhagen, Denmark, in a new role — that of a professional.

A player who is supremely dedicated to the game, Prakash will be known as a licensed player in badminton circles. Here's a lad who is so much in love with the game that he would always like to play badminton, feel badminton, think badminton and dream badminton.

All these years he did not have much time to do all that, what with his work at the Union Bank of India and lack of time. It was just physical training in the mornings and practice in the evenings.

But now to quote him, "I don't have to work now. I will have all the time to play and think badminton. That will be my life all through."

Prakash has signed a year's contract with a Japanese firm in Copenhagen where he will play for Havidovre Badminton Club. His sponsors are none other than the popular badminton racquet manufacturers — Yonex.

Prakash however would be allowed to play for other clubs also where top Danish players like Hansen, Frost and Fleming Delfs will be seen in action.

What sort of a set-up will it be out there? Prakash is not sure what awaits him. But it would be a to-

tally different set-up than he is used to and it would take a lot of adjusting. It would be more challenging and more strenuous.

"The Danish people", says Prakash, "do not believe in practice during mornings for they have the whole day at their disposal to play the game. That is the kind of life I have to adjust to. Moreover being away from my family I shall be lonely, but some sacrifice has to be made."

Badminton professionalism is still in an infant stage, feels Prakash, "but it has made rapid strides in just one year. It is good for the game and the players too for they would get a chance to play with top players of the world."

Prakash adds "My turning a pro should benefit a lot of junior players for they now know that a good player will get rewards and the youngsters would go all out to perform at their best."

It was in Japan when he was playing in the Champions Cup that Prakash first thought of becoming a pro, when Ray Stevens, an English player made that suggestion to him. After giving the matter serious thought, he came to a firm decision and applied to the BAI for permission which has been granted.

Starting from December 1, Prakash will be under contract for one full year after which he will make a final decision. He also plans to get married in December next year.

— SW Correspondent

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Rohtas scores unimpressive win

THE well-manicured course of the Bombay Presidency Golf Club has been a happy hunting ground for Rohtas Singh, a caddie from the Delhi Golf Club, for he has won a number of titles recently with brilliant recoveries.

But his victory in the All-India Golf Tournament, for caddies and assistant professionals, sponsored by the house of Dunlops under the aus-



Rohtas Singh... only his steadiness carried him to the top place

pices of the Indian Golf Union which concluded on the ancient Chembur links was unimpressive

In fact his club mate Inder Pal had the best opportunity of toppling Rohtas, for he had a stroke advantage at the end of the third round and had played exhilarating vintage golf on the penultimate day with the only sub-par round of the competition — of 69 — that strangely after losing strokes on all the first three holes.

The manner in which he blazed the back nine holes will take a lot of beating. He birdied the 12th, 24th, 17th, and 18th which helped him to bring three under par 32. He had done the first nine two over.

His performance on the last day, however, disappointed his followers. He carded a frustrating 77 with rounds of 39 and 38.

It was only steadiness that carried Rohtas to the top place. He began his defence — he had won the title at Delhi last year — with a 74 while the principal challengers from Calcutta's Noni and Bombay's Vijay Dhorve shared the first day's honours with one over par of 70.

His best round of the competition

was on the second day when he carded a 72 with even rounds of 38. With Noni and Dharve falling off, Rohtas forged into the lead, a stroke ahead of Noni who had brought in a 76.

Delhi's Inder Pal wrested the lead from Rohtas on the third day with a card of 69 which was embellished with six birdies after a poor start. Inder Pal however, led by a stroke only.

Rohtas clinched the first prize with a moderate card of 74 to aggregate 293 for the 72 hole tournament. Inder Pal with a disappointing 77, finished second with 295.

Another Delhi professional employed by State Bank of India did well to pick up the third prize with

a total of 297. He brought in the best score of the final day — a 73.

Nigde and Dharve shared the fourth prize with 300 to their credit. Noni however wound up his challenge with a most disappointing 80.

Poona's Jeraorhan Nigde achieved that rare golfing distinction, a hole in one on the opening day. He whiffed the ball from a distance of 211 yards on the 17th hole.

The prizes were given away by N. S. Bedi, Marketing Director (Tyres) and a former captain of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club, who flew over to see the final days proceedings.

— J. A. RAMKRISHNA

Buntty avenges defeat

THE final of the Kazi Cup, the main event in the five-day Bombay Women's Open Golf Week held at the Bombay Presidency Golf Club, was a repeat of last year's which was played at the Willingdon Sports Club, with the then beaten finalist, Buntty Khanna, avenging her defeat at the hands of Rohini Chowdhule.

Buntty, for whom this was her first victory in the prestigious event after figuring in the finals twice before, was one-up in the 36-hole final, in which fortunes fluctuated alternately.

After being on level terms in the first session, Rohini took a two-hole lead on the fourth, but Buntty won the next four in a row and was four-up at the 11th.

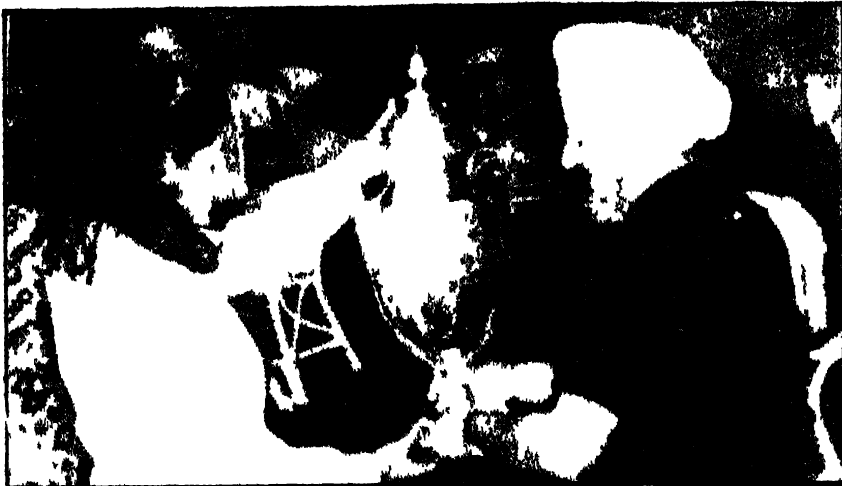
Rohini won the 12th, 14th and

15th while the 13th was halved. This left Buntty one-up at the 15th. The position remained unchanged till the close as all the remaining holes were halved.

It was smooth sailing for Kiran Kanwar (-20) in the Mahindra Handicap Salver which she retained with an easy 5 and 3 win over Mehroo Irani (-19). Kiran was three-up at the turn and wound up the match on the 15th being five up.

Pune competitors fared well in the subsidiary events. Amy Wadia won the Stableford with an aggregate of 34 points while Shahnur Bharuch, won the Silver Division of the Flag competition.

— J. A. R.



Buntty Khanna receives the Kazi Cup from Amar Singh



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Royal Tern superior ?

WHETHER Royal Tern is a better horse than was Squanderer is a matter of opinion. That Royal Tern will surpass Squanderer as the biggest stake-winner in Indian racing history will soon become a fact.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Goculdas and Mulraj D. Goculdas's five-year-old son of Royal Cleam-Sea Song came closer to that objective when he made a winning debut in Madras by defeating his long time rival Own Opinion decisively by four lengths in the 1,600 metres Guindy Gold Cup at level weight.

Irish jockey, Parnell, who was riding on the Madras track for the first time, kept the Sewania-bred last as Own Opinion and King of Seers made the running and swept past the field soon on hitting the straight for an impressive and popular victory.

As there are several other races open to trainer B. K. Lagad's ward throughout the country he will undoubtedly become India's biggest equine earner before he is retired to stud.

Royal Tern's victory was the most popular one in Madras and much the same situation prevailed in the opening day in Bombay when six piping hot orders and one second favourite in Lajwanti scored in the eight-race card.

The only shock came when the totally unfancied Divine Gift upset the appiecart of the heavily-supported Corrente De Ouro in the 1,400 metres Morvi Trophy, the first of the rich sweepstake races for the Classic crop.

There were only four runners for this terms affair and on all available data Corrente De Ouro, a got-abroad filly by Cavo Doré-Celandine, was outstanding as she had won the Fillies Trial in Bangalore and had triumphed over Brave Warrior in Class Two in Pune and that colt had trounced the opposition in the Sir Charles Forbes Trophy which was run one hour before the Morvi Trophy.

When Shinde, who was on Corrente De Ouro, won the brief tussle with Bold Sovereign early in the straight it looked as if the filly would carry the public purse to victory.

But, passing the 400, Kinane brushed up Divine Gift and Mr and Mrs. Y. M. Chaudhry's Jaggy-bred Frobuscis-Bright Haven filly quickly bridged the two and a half lengths gap and went clear opposite the stands for a decisive two and a half lengths victory in the good time of 1 minute, 29 2/5 seconds with three-metre wide false rails up.

It was a tremendous performance by trainer A. U. Khan's charge as, in Pune, she had repeatedly failed when lightly handicapped in Class Three after a victory in Class Four. In this race she was placed just 2.5 kilos below Corrente De Ouro and she must now be rated level with that Classic winner.

That being the case, this bay, who was never seriously considered as Classic material, must come very much into the picture for the Indian 1,000 Guineas, which will be run at level weight on Sunday, December

14. Certainly, her improvement is phenomenal.

Another vastly improved youngster is Brave Warrior, and though he does not have that stamp of class which belongs to Christoffe and Track Lightning his performance must rate him a place in the 2,000.

True, the Valoroso-Summerhill rig was considered a good thing in the Forbes Trophy, but few expected him to win as handsomely as he eventually did. He moved up from third position midway in the straight and sailed away to an unextended six lengths victory over Soldier Blue in a timing which was identical to that of Divine Gift.

Trainer D. P. Pandole, who won the second of the two races for two-year-olds in Pune with Satellite, claimed the opening one of the present season with Prince O' War.

The son of Everyday II-Artic War outpaced his rivals for a fluent nine lengths win. He is a handsome fellow and it is evident that he will go far.

Accepted

It is generally accepted that the best Class One animals in the land race in Bombay. That the south also has quality runners was shown when Miracle, a filly by Nijinsky-Tudor Rose, made a winning first appearance on this track in the 1,200 metres Daga Trophy.

She had come with a good record from Hyderabad but few expected her to score with such a marked degree of ease. Shinde, started to look back early in the straight when he was moving up on Minsky and he had plenty in reserve when passing the post two and a quarter lengths clear of Night Crown, who got up late to beat Minsky into third place.

Clearly, Miracle can be placed to win again as can Prince O' War and Diamond Queen. Of those who were beaten Maypan, Moondaisy and Happy Prince should be persisted with.

That is a short term aspect. From a long range point of view it will be profitable to follow the under-mentioned horses:

Allez Venus, Arpegge, Bright Knight, Dan Patch, Every Time, Fantasy, Helium, Hindon, Hi Sweetie, Mahogany, Manki, Natural Deal, Penny, Rebound, Satingo, Summer Game, Subriti, Sweet Afton, Sweet Alliance, Time Empress Tomahawk, Vasudha, Victory Walk and Zealand.

ALL IN THE GAME!



"All right! All right! I'll chop some firewood, then!"

Buzzing Around



by Busybee

THE Cooperage, Bombay's football headquarters must be the friendliest ground in the world. And I hope it is soon repaired and restored to football and its fans. Ever since I can remember, I have gone to the Cooperage for football. Watching old British army teams playing from peepholes in the tin walls of the stadium. The British army teams were a novelty in those days, they played football with boots, the Indian teams played it barefoot. Which of course, gave a young A. F. S. Talwalkar a topic to go on and on about. That unless the Indians gave up barefoot football and took to boots they would never amount to anything in world football.

The Indian teams seem to have heeded his advice but they still

have not amounted to anything in world football or Asian football or football with neighbour, Burma. The Rovers Cup was then, as now, the main tournament of the Cooperage. There were the great teams of Calcutta, Mohun Bagan and East Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting and from Hyderabad came the Hyderabad Police, fast and effective.

India Culture League and Dynamos were the Bombay teams, as popu-



lar then as the Dempo and Salgaocar from Goa (or Bombay's Dhobi Talao) are now. And the Cooperage had its favourite players. Mandon of the Tatas, to see whom once I. R. D. Tata himself came, and Soli Poonawalla of Burmah Shell, who played football when he was not playing cricket or hockey, and Papen and Neville D'Souza.

And Cooperage has been more than a football ground. In the old days, they held military tattoos there. British troops marching, flags flying, bagpipes playing. And in the old days and today they hold dog shows. And on Christmas nights, it is turned into an open-air cathedral; under a canopy of stars, the cardinal conducting the service, the choir singing.

It is like a private club, which it is in certain respects. The old-timers occupy their favourite chairs, season after season. Most of the trees around the ground, where spectators used to occupy free seats have gone, but the buildings are there. Their balconies and terraces crowded with spectators on important days.

And the crowd is as intelligent and good-humoured as ever. A totally different crowd from that at the cricket stadiums which knows more about the players than about the game.

There have been talks off and on to renovate the Cooperage, put up a 12-storeyed clubhouse at one end. Blueprints have been prepared and published in the papers, committees set up.

I hope nothing happens to the Cooperage. And if they want a bigger and better football stadium, I hope they build another one, named after some minister.

Question box



Q WHO is hosting the 1992 World Cup soccer tournament?

— A. Shyamundar (Guntur 25) and Samir Roy Chaudhuri (Rishra, WB)

A SPAIN.

Q WHERE is the Shri Srikrishna Gold Cup football tournament held?

— A. Bose (Calcutta) and Francis (Guntur-4)

A PATNA.

Q WHAT are the Test records of David Hookes, of Aus-

tralia and Roy Fredericks of the West Indies?

— Sudhakar Maben, (Karkala)

A IN eight Tests, Hookes has played 15 innings and made 436 runs at an average of 29.06 with 85 as his highest score. He also has nil for 15 off 30 balls bowled.

In 59 Tests, Fredericks played 109 innings, seven times not out, and scored 4,334 runs at an average of 42.49 with 169 against Australia as his best effort. He hit up eight centuries and 26 half-centuries, held 62 catches and claimed seven wickets for 548 runs at an average of 78.28.

Q WHAT is Gary Sobers' record in all first class cricket?

— A. K. Deb Burwas, (Uttarpur, West Bengal)

A SOBERS played a total of 609 innings, 93 times not out, and amassed 28,315 runs at the fine average of 54.87. He registered 96 centuries with 365 not out against Pakistan at Kingston in 1957-58 as his highest score. He also claimed a total of 1,043 wickets at an average of 27.74 and held 406 catches.

Q HAVE the spin trio of Bedi, Chandra and Prasanna ever

performed a hat-trick? What is the total number of wickets claimed by each of them in Tests?

— Sanjeev Jethwani, (Bombay)

A BEDI achieved the feat in Delhi's Ranji Trophy match against Punjab at New Delhi in 1968-69. In Tests, Bedi has taken 266 wickets for 7,637 runs, Chandra, 242 for 7,199 and Prasanna, 189 for 5,742.

Q WHAT is the Test bowling record of Frank Tyson?

— Deba Baruah (Jorhat)

A IN 17 Tests, Tyson sent down 3,452 balls and took 76 wickets for 1,411 runs at an average of 18.56. He claimed five wickets in an innings four times.

Q HOW many batsmen have made a century on debut in Tests between India and Australia?

— Jitendra L. Chandarana, (Dombivli, Bombay)

A C. R. VISWANATH is the only player to have done so. He scored 137 on his debut in the second Test at Kanpur in 1969.



by R. B. Sapre

WHITE delays castling and tries for aggressive play in the centre and on the Q-side, but soon finds that his King has nowhere to go when Black opens up the King side. The game, played in the Hastings Tournament 1980, is interesting as a fight between two youngsters, Selrawan (USA), being the world junior champion and Short, England's boy prodigy at 14.

ENGLISH OPENING

White: Selrawan

Black: Short

1 e4, e5 2. g3, Nc6 3. Bg2, g6 4. Nc3, b7 5. a3 (a), d6 6. e3 (b), Nh6 7. Nge2, Nf5 8. Rb1 a5 9. h3 (c), h5! (d) 10. h3, e5 11. Bb2, h4! (e) 12. g4 Nf7 13. d4, exd4 14. exd4 00 15. d5, Nh6 16. h4, f5 17. gxf5, exf5 18. Rg1, Na6 19. Bb1, axb4 20. axb4, Rf6! 21. f4, Ng6 22. Rf3, Kh2 23. Bh5, Bh6 24. Bxg6+, Raxg6 25. Raxg6, Kxg6 26. fxe5, dxe5 27. d6, Be6! 28. a5 (f)

Nc5 29. Nd5, Ra3 30. Bc3, Qx5 31. Ral, Qx3! (g) 32. Rxa3, Qh1+ 33. Ng1, Qxg1+ 34. Ka2, Qg2+ 35. Ke1, Qx3+ 36. Ke2, Ne4 37. Qd3, Qx2+ 38. Ke1, Bxd5! 39. exd5 (h), Qx1+ 40. Qf1, Qe3+ (0-1).

(a) A symmetrical line. Adorjan-Ribb, Budapest 1979 5... a6 6. Rb1, Rb8 7. b4, cxb4 8. axb4, b5 9. cxb5, axb5 10. Nf3, d5 11. d4, Bf5 12. Rh3 Nf6 13. Bf4, Rb6 14. Ne5, 00 15. 00, drawn!

The symmetry may not be carried so far, but White or Black can plan similar strategy in the centre and on the Q-side.

Andersson-Miles, Tilburg 1977: 5. e1, Nh6 6. Nge2 Nf3 7. b3, a6 8. Bh2, 00 9. d3, d6 10. 00, Bd7 11. Qd2, Rb6 12. Ne4, Qa5 Angatunson-Rashevsky, Lone-Pine 1978: 5. d3, e6 6. e4, Nge7 7. Nge2, 00 8. Be3, Nd4 9. Qd2, d6 10. 00, Nc6

(b) Hort-Van der Sterren, Lone-Pine 1979: 6. Rb1, a5 7. e3 e5 8. Nge2, Nge7 9. h3, Rb4 10. Nb5, 00

(c) Fraguera-Karpov, Montila-

Moriles 1976: (with 5... Nh6 instead of d6, 6... Nf5! 7... 00 and 8. Rb1, a5) 9. 00, d6 10. d3, Rb6 11. Bd2, e6 12. Nf4, Nf7 13. Qe2, b6 14. Rbd1, Bb7, 15. Nb5, Qd7 16. Be3, Ne5 17. e4, d5! 18. Rcl, d4.

(d) Deters White from castling i.e. 10. 00, h4 11. g4, h3.

(e) Since, any case, White intends Nb5! d4 Black seeks King side offensive in return.

(f) If 28. Nd5, Bxd5 29. Qxd5, Nxb4! so the Black Knight has to be allowed to come forward.

(g) Giving up the exchange to lay bare White's King.

(h) Or 38. Qxd5, Qh1+ 39. Ke2, Ng3+ 40. Kd3, Qd1+ etc. mates.

END GAME

Last week's ending by H Mattison (1918): White: Kg3, Rf7; Pb6. Black: Kg6, Rh2, Be3, Nd6. Draw. 1. Rd7, Rd2 2. h7, Ne4+ (if 2... Ba7 3. b6Q+, Bxb6 4. Rd8+) 3. Kf3, Ba7 4. h8Q+, Bxb6 5. Rh7, Ng5+ 6. Kg4, Bg2+ 7. Kf5! Bb6 or h2 8. Rg7+, Axg7 stalemate

Bridge



by Jimmy Mehta

K 3 2
A K 10
A O 5
A 1 8 4
N
S
A 6
7 5
K 1 10 9 8 6
5 3 2

AS South you have landed in '8D' and when dummy comes down the danger of losing to club tricks is all too apparent. Let's say you get a trump lead or for that matter any lead except a club.

One plan could be to play West for K Q of Clubs, another to play him for both Q J of hearts and yet a third could be to duck a club and play for a squeeze in hearts and clubs which would succeed if four or more clubs and five or more hearts are in the same hand.

None of these plans appeal. Declarer's best hope if trumps are evenly split is to find a doubleton club honour somewhere. Trumps are drawn and hearts and spades eliminated. The club Ace is cashed somewhere along the line, coming down to this end position:

nil
nil
5
1 8 4
N

S
nil
nil
8 6
5 3

Declarer exits with a club and either opponent with a now bare club honour would get stuck and have to yield a ruff and discard. If the doubleton honour is dealt to East there is no defence. If West is dealt a doubleton honour and unblocks it, he can save the day for the defence, however if the Club Ace is cashed casually during the early play of the hand it is a difficult unblock to find. If West happens to be dealt K 10 or Q 10 blank the unblock does not help.

So by and large the best percentage shot is to play for a doubleton Club honour somewhere.

This hand cropped up in the recent World Bridge Olympiad in the match between Kenya and India. This was the full hand:

K 3 2
A K 10
A O 5
A 1 8 7
N

1 10 8
9 8 6 2
7 4 W
10 9 5 2

S
A 6
7 5
K 1 10 9 8 6
6 4 3

O 9 7 5 4
O 1 4 3
E 3 2
K Q

Kenya was North South in the open room and reached the slam after North had opened the bidding with a strong '1 Club'. Sitting East Ratan Keirwal doubled the final contract for a club lead. A questionable double but it worked like a charm!

Keirwal's partner Avinash Gokhale led the Club deuce which the declarer ducked to East's King. He later finessed the C J to go down merrily.

Declarer was a fine player but he was rattled by the double into mis-playing the hand. I think the right play is to rise with the C A at trick one. This succeeds whenever East has doubled with either K x or K Q blank and these are likely situations in the light of given conditions. In fact declarer's later play suggests that he played East for K x of Clubs, so why did he not put up dummy's Ace at trick one?

Be that as it may, the declarer was certainly good enough not to have missed the winning play without a double.

Keirwal picked the right moment to gamble and saved the day for India.

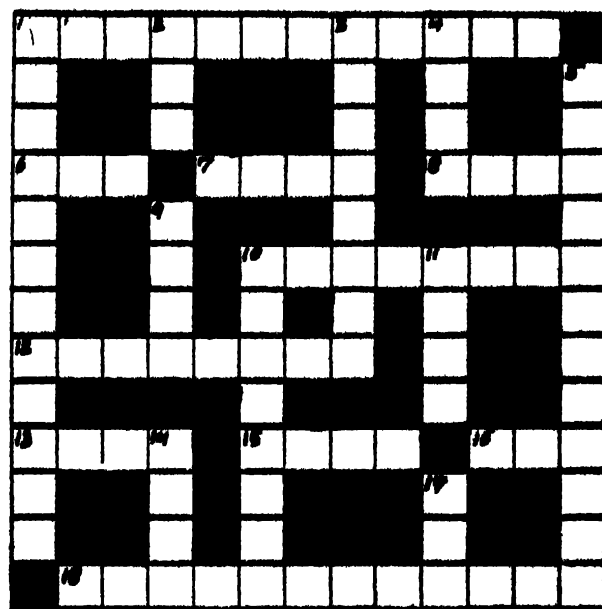
The slam was not bid in the other room and its defeat made a difference of twenty odd I.M.P.s in India's favour. Despite this, India could only eke out a thin 11-9 win against Kenya.

ACROSS

1. Indian cricketer warbled inbetween (6, 6).
6. It governs the Olympic movement internationally (1, 1, 1).
7. This memorial basketball tournament begins with the Egyptian sun-god (4).
8. This Elahi played Test cricket both for India and Pakistan (4).
10. This is meant to be sent to the fence (1, 3, 4)
12. The Australia vs West Indies cricket match at Brisbane in the 1960-61 series, was - - - (1, 3, 4).
13. A shape for a cricket ground (4)
15. Subash Gupte's younger brother (4).
16. Owners of Wankhede stadium return (1, 1, 1).
18. 1956 Olympic high jump champion begins with Indian tea and ends with mothers (7, 5)

DOWN

1. Spinner who was later manager of an Indian cricket team ends with raw mineral (4, 8).
2. It governs aquatics in India (1, 1, 1)
3. Rajasthan batsman has an insect in the end (8).
4. 1968 Olympic Games gymnastic star - Caslavka (4).
5. Gymnastic equipment begins with a golfing term (8, 4).
9. A good batsman is always behind the - of the ball (4).



10. Traditional cricket is played with this ending with everybody (1, 3, 4).
11. A superlative for a toothball star (4).
14. The eldest of the Amarnaths (4).
17. Volleyball was invented in this country coming up (1, 1, 1).

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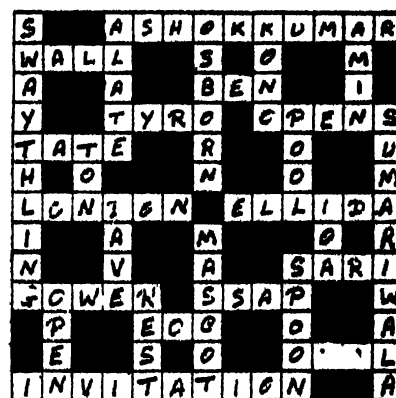
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Last week's solution



1. Is it a foul in kho kho if the touching of the sitting chaser and the uttering of the word 'kho' is not simultaneous?
2. What should be the direction of running in an athletic track event?
3. Can a badminton shuttle weighing 71 grains be used?
4. In handball, what should be the weight of the ball in a men's match?
5. Can a hockey player once substituted be permitted on the

field again?

6. How many spots are there on a billiards table?
7. Can a second give in for his boxer once the referee has started counting after a knock down?

ANSWERS:

1. Yes 2. Left-hand inside 3. No 4. 425 to 475 gms at the start of play 5. No 6. Four All being on the centre longitudinal line of the table 7. No

— HOSEY MISTRY

MAIL BAG

Best interests

WORDS fail to express the shock and disbelief about the spontaneous and disgraceful decision of the Railway Sports Control Board (RSCB) to suspend India's two leading Table Tennis stalwarts, viz. former international Vilas Menon and India No 2 Shailaja Salokhe, for a period of one year for not having reported to the coaching camp prior to the Inter-Institutional Championships.

While it is true that discipline is the first name in sports, the remedy lies not in sacking two giants in the field. In the best interests of Indian table tennis, particularly keeping in view the forthcoming World Cup table tennis championship and the subsequent Asian games, their suspension should be withdrawn.

— R. Narayan,
(Bombay-81).

Baseless

IT is surprising that the European National Olympic Committee (ENOC) has suggested to put a lower age limit for participants at the Olympics. This seems to have arisen because of the tremendous success achieved by youngsters in recent years.

But it must be admitted that these young stars have brought colour to the Olympics and have delighted the spectators. One cannot think of the Montreal Olympics without Natalia Comaneci or the Moscow Games without Yelena Davydova and the young German swimmers.

The ENOC's suggestion seems to be baseless. When a man over 40 can participate in the Olympics, why not a boy under 20?

— Jaimin M. Bhatt,
(Bombay-58).

Sorry plight

THE Indian hockey players taking part in the coaching camp at the Netaji Institute of Sports, Bangalore, are paid Rs. 16 as daily allowance.

For the Copade Oro football tournament to be held in Uruguay from Dec 30th 1980 (SW Nov. 9th) each player will get 50 US dollars for daily expenses.

This comparison shows the sorry plight of Indian sportsmen. It surely does discourage one from taking up sports seriously in our country.

—Shevlin Sebastian,
(Bangalore-25).

Contradiction

BORG is definitely one of the greatest players of all time, but one cannot call him the greatest until he wins the U.S. Open. After all he has had nine opportunities to do so. It merely shows that he is not at his best on the clay surfaces. The great contradiction however



Borg... yet to win the U.S. Open.

is that he has won the French title, also played on clay five times. Probably the excess pressure on him, playing in America affects his game. This is also strange, considering that he has the best temperament among the top tennis players.

— P. Nair, (Delhi-22).

Wake up Board !

IT is high time the Cricket Control Board woke from its marathon slumber. If the Board is genuinely concerned with the development of cricket in India it should instantly start financing and organising school and university level cricket and raise it from its pathetic standard because it is here that the future of Indian cricket lies.

The Board must realise that the money we pay is not for ostentatious meetings at hill resorts, crackers and budgetary bungling, but for the progress of cricket in India, at all levels.

— Raj Srivastava,
(Sangli).

Erroneous

THIS refers to Avaz Memon's article (SW Nov. 23) wherein his mention of Dilip Doshi and Rajinder Singh Hans as "young spinners", struck a few discordant notes.

Yes, Dilip Doshi and Rajinder Singh Hans are certainly young spinners, but only as compared to Ghulam Ahmed and Subhash Gupte, and not to Bedi, Venkat, etc.

Further, the writer makes an erro-

neous statement when he states that, when Shivalal Yadav made his Test debut in the second Test at Bangalore, on September 19, 1979, "for the first time... India were playing a Test without Chandra, Bedi, Pras or Venkat."

If the writer had examined the facts of his statement, he would have been enlightened to find that Venkat not only played the particular Test (in which Shivalal Yadav made his debut), but he was also a member of the team which won the following Kanpur Test.

—Parag Kamani,
(Bombay-26).

Commentators all

PLEASE convey my request to the Board of Control for Cricket in India to reappoint Sushil Doshi, Suresh Saraiya and Anand Setalvad to give the running commentary of all the Tests to be played between India and Australia and later with New Zealand this winter.

They rendered their service very well in the last tour of Australia in 1977-78. They are leading commentators and have a clear, characteristic accent which delights millions of listeners.

—Birendra N. Bhattacharya,
(Patna-4).

— Sushil Kumar,
(Bombay).

'Printer's Devil' !

I WAS quite amused to read Prakash Dabhatonde's letter (SW, Nov. 23) re: Number of Tests played by Kapil. Hasn't he ever heard of "The Printer's Devil" or a plain typographical error?

I am as capable as any of making statistical errors, but surely not of this sort; I believe I am quite capable of adding two plus two, and not make the answer sound like five. (Isn't that the title of a Hindi movie?)

Come on, Prakash, where's your sense of humour — and tolerance of human frailty?

— R. B. Mama, (Panchgani).

Thanks

I AM a Kenyan and I enjoy reading your cricket coverage every week. I never miss a copy of SPORTSWEEK.

In Kenya I too play cricket and in September, I became the first indigenous Kenyan to represent the country in the Quadrangular tournament.

To this I say thank you very much on your small coaching advices, which you give in your magazine. I hope I shall see more of it in the near future. I am really looking forward to reading your magazine.

—Tom Jones Tikolo,
(Nairobi).

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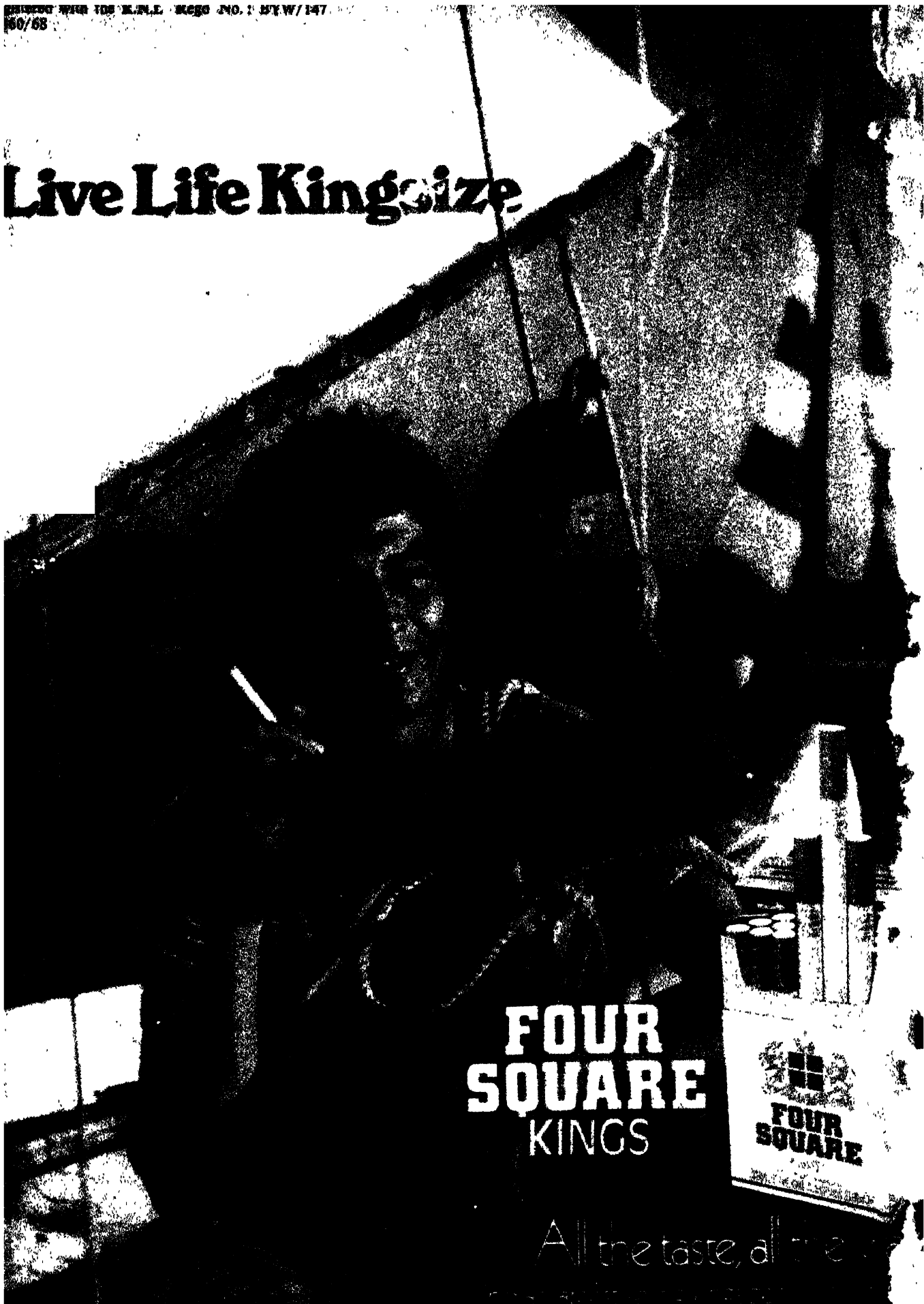
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